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HAVING A DIAMETER OF 37.2 INCHES
AND LENGTHS OF 43 AND 17.5 INCHES
(Five-Foot Wind Tunnel Test No. 545)

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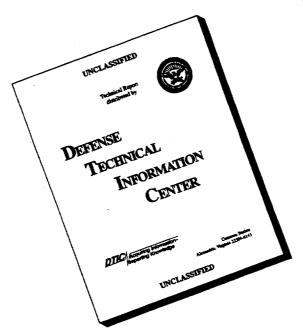
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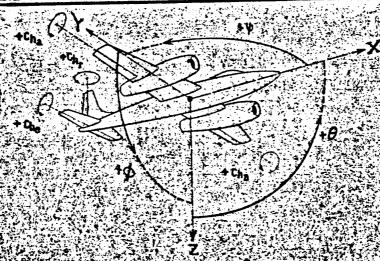
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#### SUMMARY

The Custer Channel Wing is a wing-propeller arrangement designed to produce lift statically or to augment the normal lift when the vehicle has some forward velocity.

Flight tests of an airplane incorporating two of these channel wings were conducted first by the inventor.

The next test (ref. 1) was conducted by the Air Materiel Command in the Five-Foot Wind Tunnel on a 1/3-scale powered model of one channel. Additional static lift tests of this same model but with additional improvements were made by the inventor and witnessed by an Air Materiel Command representative. These results are reported in reference 2.

The last series of tests are those described in this report. Up to the time of this present series of tests both model and full scale tests of this arrangement were made under conditions which did not give accurate power input and thrust data. In this series of tests made on a 1/2-scale model, all variables such as lift, drag and thrust combination, pitching moment, power input and pressure distribution have been accurately obtained.

These tests which included 53 different model configurations were made on two different length channels, with two and three blade propellers of various planforms and blade angles. Tests were also made to determine the effect of placing auxiliary wings of various sizes and arrangements aft of the propeller-wing combination.

The results of these tests indicated the short channel was superior to the long channel in that the resultant of the thrust and lift forces was greater than for the long channel. In addition the pressure distribution over the short channel is more desirable than over the long channel.

The propeller which had a normal blade planform was slightly better than the one in which the blade planform had a reverse taper.

End plates mounted on the sides of the long channel were beneficial but not on the short one.

The general effect of auxiliary wings aft of the channel was to increase lift and decrease thrust in such a way that there was no net gain as regards resultant force. However, the direction of the resultant force is closer to vertical and hence would require smaller ground angles for vertical ascents. The deflection of auxiliary wings aft of the channel also causes a large diving moment that probably would be undesirable.

<u>U N C L A S S I F I E D</u>

#### DATES AND PLACE OF TESTS

These tests were conducted in the Five-Foot Wind Tunnel at Wright Field from 6 February to 22 May 1946.

#### OBJECT

The object of this test was to determine the resultant force in pounds/HP obtainable with Custer Channel Wing.

#### DESCRIPTION OF MODEL AND BALANCE SET-UP

The long channel used a Clark Y airfoil of 43-inch chord whose chord plane coincided with a half cylinder of 18-5/8 inches radius. Short wing sections of the same airfoil shape and chord were attached to the sides of the channel to form a U-shaped wing. The overall span was 72 inches. The short channel (17.5-inch chord) had the same radius but was not fitted with stub wings. Sketch No. 1 on page 49 shows the shape of the airfoil used on the short channel. The shape of the 25-inch chord auxiliary wing approximated an NACA 6309 section. Both sets of auxiliary wings were parted at the center line of the model so that the right and left halves could be set at different angles of incidence. The two methods of mounting are shown on photograph 208379. The plate was attached to the end of the wing while the angle bracket was attached to the upper surface of the wing. Both plates and brackets were in place when the above photograph was taken in order to show both attachments.

The propeller was mounted to a shaft which was supported at two positions by combination radial thrust bearings. These bearings were supported by 1-inch diameter steel rods which extended from the center of the channel to the wing tips, see photograph 208384. The propeller shaft was connected to the propeller balance shaft by means of a jack shaft which had a universal joint at either end. This provided the channel with freedom of movement vertically, so that the lift forces could be measured. This shafting assembly transmitted the torque and thrust from the channel to the propeller balance, where each was measured. A tension cable was used to reduce the weight of the channel wing on the lift scales and also to place the jack shaft in tension under all loading conditions. The lift forces were transmitted to the two lift balances by means of the tubular structure shown on photograph 206384. The attachment of these tubular structures to the channel wing was made by self aligning ball bearing assemblies and to the balance platform by means of universal joints. The model was restrained in yaw and side movement by means of a single steel ball, mounted at the top of each of four uprights shown in photograph 208384. These balls slid against a steel plate attached to the wing stubs at each corner of the wing assembly. Thus the model was restrained in yaw and side direction but free to move vertically or horizontally. Safety stops were provided in event of failure of any of the balance structure.

Pressure orifices were provided on the inner surface in the plane of symmetry at every 5 percent station of both short and long channels. Photograph 206373 shows the pressure distribution set up for the long channel.

The 53 different model configurations are tabularated below:

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See Notes (1), (2), (3), (4) and (5) on following pages.

#### Note 1

Propeller No. 1 as shown on photograph 208374 was a three-blade adjustable-pitch type of metal construction. The blade planform was conventional and the tips were rounded.

Propeller No. 2 as shown on photograph 208375 was a two-blade, fixed-pitch type of wood construction. The airfoil section was the NACA 4400 series. The blade planform was conventional and the tips had a radius approximately equal to the radius of the channel.

Propeller No. 3 as shown on photograph 208379 was a three-blade, adjustable-pitch type of cast aluminum construction. The airfoil section was of the NACA 4400 series. The blade planform was unconventional in that it had reverse taper. The blade tips had a radius approximately equal to the radius of the channel.

Propeller No. 4 was very similar to No. 2 except for a thinner root section.

Propeller No. 5 was propeller No. 3 with the blades extended 0.5 inch. This permitted the propeller to be moved to the extreme aft position in the channel and still maintain small clearances with the inner surface of the channel.

Propeller No. 6 as shown on photograph 211042 was the same as propeller No. 2 except for blade angles. The 75 percent station was decreased from 20 to 8 degrees.

#### Note 2

The position of the auxiliary wings given in the table refer to the distance the axis of rotation or spar centerline was aft of the channel trailing edge and below the thrust centerline. For example, T 12-4 would mean the axis of rotation of the top auxiliary wing was 12 inches aft of the trailing edge and 4 inches below the thrust axis. The axis of rotation of the 25-inch chord wing was 6.10 inches aft of the leading edge and 1.03 inches above the chord plane. The axis of rotation of the 15-inch chord wing was 4.70 inches aft of the leading edge and .90 inches above the chord plane.

#### Note 3

Model condition 7 and 8 were run with several different settings of the auxiliary wing which were referred to as 7a, 7b, etc. The position and angles of the auxiliary wing were as follows:

7a	12-0	35°	7g	12-2	450
7b	12-0	450	7h	12-3	35°
7c	12-1	45°	71	12-3	35°
7d	12-1	35°	<b>7</b> j	12-1	35°
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Both top and bottom auxiliary wings were located in the left hand position.

Note 5

The one auxiliary wing was located in the left hand position.

#### PROCEDURE

The various model configurations were tested in the same order as the number given to the particular configuration. For any given condition, lift, (drag and thrust combination) pitching moment, torque and rpm were measured for a range of rpm from about 600 to 2800 in about 7 steps. The highest rpm in most cases represented a power input of about 10 HP. In some cases complete runs were not made. To obtain friction losses in the shafting, the propeller was removed and torque and rpm data were obtained. This procedure was followed at three different intervals of the test program. This loss in shafting represented about 5 percent of the gross power input. This loss was determined with and without a thrust load equal to that supplied by the propeller.

#### DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

The results of the test are given in tabular form on pages 12 to 22, due to the large number of model configurations. The data are also shown in graphical form on graphs 1 to 25. They have been separated into seven different groups for comparative purposes, and for simplification of the graphical presentation. The parameters used were the increment of force or moment per horsepower, absorbed by the propeller versus the horsepower divided by the square of the propeller diameter, (which is comparable to the unit disc loading).

The first group of conditions, 1, 3, 5, 18 and 20, plotted on graphs 1, 2, 3 and 4 shows the effect of different types of propellers and auxiliary wing mounting brackets. The results indicate that the two-blade propeller of conventional planform was the best in this grouping from the standpoint of thrust, lift and resultant force.

The second group of conditions, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, plotted on graphs 5, 6, 7 and 8 shows the effect of a simple auxiliary wing mounted aft of the channel at various positions and angles of incidence.

The third group of conditions, 13, 14, 15 and 16, plotted on graphs 9, 10, 11 and 12, shows the effect of changing the blade angle of the three-blade propeller which had a reverse taper, that is, wide tip and narrow root. Results of these tests indicate that an angle of 8.6 degrees at the 90 percent station is the optimum angle for this particular propeller.

The fourth group of conditions, 12, 21, 22, 23 and 24, plotted on graphs 13, 14, 15 and 16, shows the effect of various combinations of small-chord auxiliary wings and propellers. All of these conditions are inferior to the plain channel from the standpoint of resultant force. Although they do improve the lift force, it is at the expense of less thrust which is due to the blocking effect on the propeller and the drag of the auxiliary wings themselves.

The fifth group of conditions, 26, 27, 35, 37, 38 and 39, plotted on graphs 17, 18, 19 and 20 give the effect of a shorter channel with various propeller changes. This channel has a length of 17.5 inches compared to one of 43 inch length, used in all previous conditions.

The two-blade conventional planform propeller in conjunction with the short channel is superior to the other propellers which were tested. This is similar to the results of propeller dhanges made in conjunction with the long channel. The other conditions in this group were unsuccessful attempts to improve the propeller efficiencies by the use of spinners and hub fairings.

The sixth group of conditions, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33 and 34, plotted on graphs 21, 22, 23 and 24 shows the effect the short chord auxiliary wings have on the characteristics when used in conjunction with the short channel. As was the case with the long channel, the auxiliary wings improve lift but decrease thrust. There was little or no gain in the resultant force.

The seventh group of conditions 40 through 52 and plotted on graph 25 were made without any channel. Only thrust and power input data were obtained. Here again the two-blade conventional planform propeller gave the greatest thrust per horsepower of all the propeller conditions that were tested.

The pressure distribution data for both the long and short channel is shown on graph 26. The important thing to note concerning the comparison of the two lengths of channels was that the negative pressure gradient increased with an increasing rate from the leading edge to the propeller disc, whereas the short channel had a more constant pressure over the entire length of the channel. By comparing these pressure gradients for the maximum slip condition, that is, full power and no forward velocity, with the condition of minimum slip, the effect of power on the pressure gradient should be much less for the short channel than for the long one. Therefore from the standpoint of change in trim of the aircraft with power, a design incorporating the short channel should have a distinct advantage over the long channel.

Auxiliary wings mounted aft of the channel do increase the lift.

force but they also decrease the thrust which results in about the same resultant force. They also cause a large diving moment which must be trimmed out by some means, probably by a negative tail load, if the tail is in the conventional position, thus resulting in a loss of lift.

#### CONCLUSIONS

- 1. The highest value of resultant force per horsepower obtained in these tests was 8.2. This corresponds to a value of horsepower divided by propeller diameter squared equal to one. (Condition No. 26)
- 2. The 17.5-inch chord channel was superior to the 43-inch chord channel as regards resultant force, moment and change in trim due to power change.
- 3. The auxiliary wings aft of the channel increase lift but decrease thrust, which results in no appreciable gain in resultant force.
- 4. The two-blade, conventional planform propeller was superior to the other types which were tested.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

None /

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TABLE NO. 1

CUSTER CHANNEL WING FIVE-FOOT WIND TUNNEL TEST NO. 545 WRIGHT FIELD FEBRUARY 1946

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TABLE NO. 2

CUSTER CHANNEL WING
FIVE-FOOT WIND TUNNEL TEST NO. 545
WRIGHT FIELD FEBRUARY 1946

Moment H.P.			
RPM M	715 1000 11400 1678 2050 2315 2570	2020 2310 2580	2570 2600 2600 2610 2610 2615 2570 2570 2570 2570 2610 2612 2610 2610 2610 2610
H.P. Dia.2	013 041 124 230 140 628 628	418 -605 -848	.898 .908 .908 .950 .950 .848 .899 .899 .899 .899 .899
Resultant H.P.	39.0 15.3 12.5 9.5 8.7	10.6 9.0 7.8	8.7.7.7.7.7.7.7.7.7.7.7.7.7.7.7.7.7.7.7
Thrust H.P.	25.0 13.6 11.3 8.4 7.7	8.9 8.0 7.0	\$
Lift H.P.	18.3 10.8 7.0 14.2 4.1	5.8	146000144444444
H.P.	.12 .39 1.18 2.18 4.17 5.94 7.91	3.96 5.74 8.03	20.20 20.20
Moment (Lb Ft)			
Resultant (Lb)	18.77 18.11 27.53 57.55 64.35	12.0 5.15 62.7	68.0 68.0 73.5 65.5 65.5 65.5 61.7
Thrust (Lb)	16.1 16.1 24.5 35.0 45.5	35.0 45.6 55.7	25.55 25.55
LAFT (Lb)	2.2 12.0 17.7 24.0	23.2 24.2 29.2	24.2 45.6 45.6 27.7 29.0 27.0 37.0 37.0 37.0 37.0 37.0 37.0
Condition No.	r.	9	A W O U B F O H H J D D X H H

TABLE NO. 3
CUSTER CHANNEL WING
FIVE-FOOT WIND TUNNEL TEST NO. 545
WRIGHT FIELD FEBRUARY 1946

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Moment H.P.		-91.0 -38.9 -25.2 -15.2 -11.4	-11.5 -11.7 -20.7 -20.8 -19.3 -15.3 -12.6
RPM	2544 2556 2570 2590 2570 2570 2570 2590 2590 2590	726 1006 1378 1660 2035 2310 2590	2610 2590 691 992 1356 1640 2010 2270 2520
H.P. Dia.2	880 880 880 890 900 900 910 900 900 900	010 043 117 218 127 650 650	.895 .895 .012 .045 .045 .412 .592 .818
Resultant H.P.	ようしょうようちょうよう としょうしょうとうしょ	25.0 15.3 15.3 7.6,1	25. 27. 27. 20. 20. 20. 20. 20. 20. 20. 20. 20. 20
Thrust H.P.	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	36.8 19.0 11.7 7.5 6.4 5.9	5.7 20.9 13.3 10.4 6.9 6.3
H.P.	ろうろうははははははははなる	10.0 16.0 10.5 5.9 4.85	24 24 24 26 26 26 26 26 26 26 26 26 26 26 26 26
H.P.	888888888888888888 34457777743664436	82.07 11.03 27.04 27.04 27.04	8.59 2.59 11. 12.07 2.07 4.7. 4.7.
Moment (Lb Ft)	-57.6 -52.3 -63.3 -79.1 -101.2 -100.2 -97.8 -97.8	2 1 2 1 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	98.9 98.9 13.2 13.2 59.9 97.5
Resultant (Lb)	65 65 65 65 65 65 65 65 65 65 65 65 65 6		61.8 63.6 63.6 16.6 23.9 38.0 47.5 65.0
Thrust (Lb)	5554450 554450 554450 5650 5650 5650 565	3.3 · 19.4 · 19.4 · 28.3 · 28.3 · 19.1 · 19.4 · 19.1 · 19.1 · 19.1 · 19.1 · 19.1 · 19.1 · 19.1 · 19.1	15.5 50.1 5.7 16.7 16.7 51.3
Lift (Lb)	200 200 200 200 200 200 200 200 200 200	3.6 6.3 116.4 24.9 32.6 39.9	38.5 39.1 3.2 6.2 11.4 17.1 27.0 33.4 39.6
Condition No.	84800mmGHTVXエWN	6	11

TABLE NO. 4
CUSTER CHANNEL WING
FIVE-FOOT WIND TUNNEL TEST NO. 545
WRIGHT FIELD

			1	1	1
Moment H.P.	-74.0 -11.8 -28.7 -22.9 -17.8 -16.8	-13.9 -12.7 -8.1 -7.7	-31.4 -22.2 -12.5 -10.8 -8.2 -7.6	29.1 -20.5 -13.8 -9.4 -9.1	-22.9 -16.7 -13.6 -11.6 -7.0
RPM	720 998 1365 1665 2020 2270 2520	1505 1802 2430 2685	682 946 1320 1592 1960 2235	832 1220 1681 2011 2360 2584	687 991 1356 1643 2290 2590
H.P. Dia.2	012 042 118 219 413 596 822	.156 .251 .616	015 047 130 235 457 675	012 039 101 167 270 359	015 049 127 230 432 626 862
Resultant H.P.	38.3 20.8 14.9 11.6 9.2 8.8	14.9 12.5 8.4 7.8	35.0 22.5 13.8 11.5 7.8	26.4 20.2 14.6 12.1 10.2	27.2 116.5 11.6 8.9 7.3
Thrust H.P.	21.7 14.3 9.8 7.6 5.1 5.5	12.7 10.7 7.3 6.8	31.4 18.4 12.0 10.0 7.9 6.9	20.9 21.0 12.6 10.6 9.1 8.4	24.2 16.5 12.3 10.0 7.9 7.4 6.4
LAft H.P.	31.6 11.2 11.2 8.8 6.9 6.5	7.8 6.5 7.8	15.7 13.2 7.0 5.6 4.1	15.4 12.4 7.5 1.8 1.8	11.4 8.3 7.2 5.8 14.2 3.9
н. Р.	2.5. 1.0.5. 2.65. 7.65. 7.65.	1.16 2.00 5.30 7.02	1.33.55.45 6.53.65.45 6.60.65	2.56 3.70 3.40	.14 1.21 2.18 4.10 5.94 8.18
Moment (Lb Ft)	8.9 -16.7 -47.7 -70.0 -94.6	-16.1 -25.3 -42.9 -53.9	4.1 9.8 -15.1 -25.3 -48.6	-3.2 -7.6 -13.2 -17.6 -24.2 -30.9	-3.2 -7.7 -25.3 -34.2 -47.4
Resultant (Lb)	4.6 1.6.7 26.0 28.0 1.9.8 5.8	17.3 25.0 14.3 74.8	4.9 9.9 17.0 25.7 38.4 50.2	2.9 7.5 14.0 19.3 26.2 32.3	25.2 25.2 25.6 19.8
Thrust (Lb)	2.6 5.7 11.0 15.7 24.0 31.0	14.7 21.4 38.7 47.8	14.7 14.7 22.3 34.0	2.3 5.9 12.1 16.9 23.2 28.5	3.14 14.9 21.8 32.3 143.8 52.5
Lift (Lb)	3.8 6.7 12.5 18.2 27.1 36.5	9.1 13.0 21.7 26.7	2.2 5.8 8.6 12.6 17.9	1.7 4.6 7.2 9.3 12.3	1.6 3.8 8.7 12.7 17.2 23.4
Condition No.	12	13	14	15	16

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TABLE NO. 5
CUSTER CHANNEL WING
FIVE-FOOT WIND TUNNEL TEST NO. 545
WRIGHT FIELD
APRIL 1946

Moment H.P.	-13.6 -9.9 -7.7 -6.4	-27.5 -15.3 -12.2 -9.1 -7.4 -5.6	23.4 -17.8 -13.1 -13.1 -7.6	-55.0 -37.2 -31.9 -23.0 -17.4 -16.0
RPM	1305 1613 1990 2263 2535	618 913 1282 1590 1955 2235 2535	1151 1747 2320 2320 2611 607 962 1362 1700 2071 2335 2535	662 1000 1413 1734 2120 2377 2640
H.P. Dia.2	128 235 444 645 900	01.3 04.6 124 230 144 660 980	010 038 107 197 354 707	015 209 100 100 757 761
Resultant H.P.	11.1 11.4 9.5 8.4 7.5	26.6 17.0 13.4 11.0 8.6 7.7 6.5	27.8 19.2 15.0 12.2 10.1 8.7	30.5 18.9 16.4 11.6 7.3
Thrust H.P.	12.3 10.3 8.4 7.4 6.7	23.4 15.1 11.9 10.0 7.7 7.0 5.9	25.6 17.0 13.6 10.8 8.9 7.6	23.0 13.9 11.9 4.5 7.2 7.2
H.P.	6.9 5.0 4.4 3.3	2,40,40,00 0,00,00,00,00,00,00,00,00,00,00,00,	12.2 8.9 6.2 14.7 14.2	20.0 12.8 11.3 8.4 6.0 5.7
H.P.	1. 2.23 4.21 8.56	2,12 1,17 1,17 2,18 6,28 9,28	.65 .65 .65 .36 1.01 1.86 5.35 6.69	.10 .39 .29 1.98 5.73 5.27
Moment (Lb Ft)	-16.5 -22.0 -36.4 -47.4 -55.1	2.44-1-4-4-4-4-4-4-4-4-4-4-4-4-4-4-4-4-4-	-2.1 -6.4 -13.3 -22.1 -33.1 -43.0 -50.8	15.5 14.5 15.6 15.6 103.5
Resultant (Lb)	17.0 25.4 39.8 51.4 63.8	3.2 7.3 15.7 23.9 36.0 48.0 60.4	2.5 6.9 15.1 22.7 33.8 43.3	3.0 14.8 22.8 33.3 42.5 52.1
Thrust (Lb)	14.9 22.9 35.0 45.4 57.2	2.8 6.5 13.9 22.6 72.4 15.4	2.3 6.1 13.7 20.1 20.1 29.8 38.1 47.1	2.3 5.4 10.8 15.7 24.1 30.2
14ft (5b)	8.3 11.2 18.6 24.2 28.4	1.6 7.3 10.4 16.0 20.5 26.5	1.1 3.2 6.3 15.8 15.8	2.0 5.0 10.2 16.6 22.9 29.9 36.4
Condition No.	17	18	19 20	23

TABLE NO. 6
CUSTER CHANNEL WING
FIVE-FOOT WIND TUNNEL TEST NO. 545
WRIGHT FIELD
MAY 1946

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Moment H.P.	-13.0	-13.9	83.6 -52.3 -26.5 -28.8 -19.3 -17.1	₽ <b>•</b> 9	-13.7 -11.7 -9.0 -8.1 -7.3	-13.9 -12.0 -8.9 -7.3	-28.5 -22.0 -14.8 -14.0 -13.0
RPM	2650	2588	605 902 1272 1605 1977 2261 2550	2497	1299 1601 1962 2230 2501	1272 1573 1946 2211 2469	1308 1592 1960 2229 2488
H.P. Dia.2	.795	.950	.008 .036 .120 .216 .420 .611	-865	218 218 427 617 880	211 412 412 501 486 845	21.5 21.3 11.1 602 841
Resultant H.P.	7.2	0*2	37.2 22.4 15.3 12.4 9.3 8.2	.9•9	16.3 13.8 10.6 9.6 8.6	16.1 14.0 10.7 9.6 8.7	18.0 11.2 10.7 9.8
Thrust H.P.	5.5	5.0	26.3 14.1 7.5 7.5 4.8	5.6	14.7 12.5 9.6 8.7	14.5 12.6 9.7 8.8 7.9	11.5 11.5 9.1 8.3
Lift H.P.	14.7	6•4	26.3 17.4 12.2 9.6 7.3 6.1 5.5	3.5	7.0 7.0 3.6 3.6	7.0 6.1 4.6 4.1 3.7	10.6 8.4 5.6 5.4 5.0
H.P.	7.53	8.98		<b>8</b> •20	1.12 2.07 4.04 5.84 8.33	1.11 2.03 3.96 5.63 8.00	1.09 2.02 3.90 5.71 8.03
Moment (Lb Ft)	-95.5	-124.6	-6.7 -17.8 -37.9 -59.1 -88.0 -111.6	-55.0	-15.t -24.2 -36.t -47.t -60.7	-15.4 -25.3 -45.1 -58.4	-31.1 -44.4 -57.8 -30.0 -104.3
Resultant (Lb)	77.75	62.5	3.0 7.5 15.9 25.5 47.5 60.8	54.0	18.2 28.5 12.8 56.0 71.6	17.9 28.5 37.0 54.5 69.8	19.6 28.7 41.5 56.0 69.6
Thrust (Lb)	4.14	14.7	23.1 23.1 39.8 39.8	45.58	16.4 25.9 38.8 50.8 65.1	16.1 25.7 32.3 49.3 63.1	15.8 23.2 35.5 47.1 57.2
Lift (Lb)	35.2	144.0	25.1 12.7 19.7 29.0 25.3 46.0	28.9	7.8 11.9 18.1 23.4 89.6	7.8 12.3 18.1 23.1 29.9	11.5 16.9 21.8 30.6 39.9
Condition No.	22	23	†Z	25	56 *	27 ×	28

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TABLE NO. 7
CUSTER CHANNEL WING
FIVE-FOOT WIND TUNNEL TEST NO. 545
WRIGHT FIELD

Moment H.P.	-14.8 -12.8 -11.6	-17.4 -15.3 -14.2	-17.4 -16.4 -14.7	-20.7 -18.4 -16.9	-26.3 -20.7 -15.9 -13.9	-17.2 -15.1 -13.6	-14.1 -12.0 -9.0 -7.9
RPM	1988 2264 2548	1946 2234 2500	1981 2259 2534	1991 2270 2550	1303 1624 1996 2279 2568	1997 2278 2562	1456 1770 2151 2408 2664
H.P. Dia.2	. 6440 . 902	-123 -628 -874	1997 9696 9869	.441 .652 .926	120 225 451 657 942	1571 668 949	21.5 21.3 400 568 764
Resultant H.P.	10.8 9.4 8.4	10.5 9.3 8.6	9.7 9.0 8.2	10.2 9.0 8.2	16.7 13.6 10.4 9.3 8.1	10.2 9.0 8.2	17.0 13.5 10.6 9.6 8.8
Thrust H.P.	9.0 8.0 7.0	8.3 7.4 6.7	7.5 7.1 6.3	7.3 6.6 5.8	12.9 10.9 8.3 7.5 6.5	7.9 7.1 6.3	15.5 12.2 9.7 8.6
Lift H.P.	5.9 5.1 4.7	6.4 5.3	6.2 5.3	7.2 6.2 5.8	10°5 6°5 7°5 7°5 8°5	6.5 5.6 5.1	7.27
н. Р.	4.11 6.07 8.56	4.00 8.39 8.38	04°45 8°57 47°58	4.18 6.18 8.76	1.14 2.13 4.27 6.23 8.93	4.27 6.27 8.99	1.09 3.78 5.39 7.25
Moment (Lb Ft)	-61.1 -77.7 -99.8	-70.0 -91.1 -117.8	-76.7 -99.0 -125.6	-86.8 -113.7 -148.1	-30.0 -44.1 -67.7 -86.5 -109.9	-73.4 -94.5 -122.2	-15.4 -24.3 -46.3 -576.
Resultant (Lb)	44.0 57.1 72.0	41.9 55.5 70.8	1,2,8 5,4,0 70,3	42.8 55.8 72.2	19.0 29.0 44.2 72.3	43.6 56.3. 73.0	18.5 27.2 10.0 51.5 63.5
Thrust (Lb)	36.9 48.1 59.9	33.2 144.2 55.5	33.0 42.7 53.9	30.3 40.7 50.9	25.2 46.6 58.2	33.5 14.2 56.4	16.9 24.6 36.6 145.6 57.3
(ab)	24.2 30.8 39.7	25.7 33.6 14.0	27.3 34.9 15.0	30.1 38.2 51.2	12.0 17.6 26.7 24.1 15.0	27.8 35.0 46.1	7.7 11.6 16.3 22.1 27.3
Condition No.	&	30	31	32	33	34	35 <sub>4</sub>

CUSTER CHANNEL WING TABLE NO. 8

FIVE-FOOT WIND TUNNEL TEST NO. 545 WRIGHT FIELD MAI 1946

Moment H.P.	-55.0 -16.5 -12.2 -9.3 -7.4	4.8 4.8 4.8	-15.2 -12.3 -10.6 -8.8 -8.4	-15.0 -12.4 - 9.7 -8.6 -7.8
RPM	710 1030 1433 1737 2093 2350 2602	2090 2344 2595	1766 1766 2404 2667	1322 1621 1994 2247 2516
H.P. Dia.2	008 037 110 199 376 529 720	.378 .518 .692	115 208 361 557 .730	216 216 714 608 854
Resultant H.P.	56.2 26.3 16.7 13.5 10.5 8.4	10.5 8.7 8.8	16.8 13.7 11.4 9.4 8.9	16.4 13.5 10.4 9.3 8.3
Thrust H.P.	16.2 22.9 14.9 12.0 9.4 8.4 7.5	9°4 8°6 7.8	15.1 12.2 10.1 8.3 7.9	14.7 12.1 9.3 8.3 7.4
Lift H.P.	31.2 12.9 7.5 6.1 4.6 4.1 3.7	4.7 4.5 4.3	7.3 6.2 14.3 14.2	7.2 6.0 4.7 4.2 3.7
н. Р.		3.58 4.91 6.56	1.09 1.97 3.42 5.27 6.91	1.11 2.05 3.96 5.76 8.10
Moment (Lb Ft)	4.4.4.4.23.1.4.4.4.4.4.4.4.4.4.4.4.4.4.4.4.4.4.4.	-35.3 -44.1 -55.0	-16.6 -24.2 -36.4 -46.3 -58.4	-16.6 -25.4 -38.6 -19.6 -62.9
Resultant (Lb)	4.5 9.2 17.5 25.5 47.2 57.2	37.6 47.8 58.0	18.3 26.9 39.0 61.6	18.2 27.7 41.3 53.4 66.8
Thrust (Lb)	22.7 22.7 23.5 42.4 51.4	33.7 42.4 50.9	16.4 24.5 34.5 1,3.8 54.4	16.3 24.9 36.8 47.7 60.0
Lift (Lb)	2.5 4.5 11.6 16.3 25.2	16.7 22.0 28.0	8.0 12.2 18.0 22.7 29.0	8.0 12.2 18.7 23.9 29.6
ondition No.	36	37 ×	38 \	39 ×

# TABLE NO. 9 CUSTER CHANNEL WING

FIVE-FOOT WIND TUNNEL TEST NO. 545
WRIGHT FIELD MAY 1946

Condition No.	Thrust (Lb)	н.Р.	Thrust H.P.	H.P. Dia.2	RPM
ļ40	17.9	1.14	15.7	.120	1328
	26.6	2.09	12.7	.220	1615
	40.3	4.01	10.1	.423	1973
	52.0	5.80	9.0	.612	2239
	65.6	8.05	8.2	.850	2507
41	16.1	1.13	以。2	.119	1067
	25.9	2.32	以。2	.245	1320
	41.9	4.57	9。2	.482	1646
	57.1	7.28	7。9	.768	1927
142	5.5	.36	15.3	.038	608
	10.9	1.09	10.0	.115	847
	17.2	2.24	7.7	.236	1052
	28.8	4.57	6.3	.482	1334
43	16.0	1.03	15.5	.108	5151
	24.2	1.84	13.2	.194	514
	34.5	3.09	11.2	.326	1850
	43.6	4.52	9.6	.476	1988
入	18.2 27.3 40.5 53.3 66.0	1.09 2.04 3.89 5.74 8.00	16.7 13.4 10.4 9.3 8.3	•814 •606 •115 •115	1333 1634 1999 2254 2510
¥5 X	8.6 17.9 25.5 36.7 46.3 55.9	•32 •97 1•75 2•96 4•40 5•69	26.9 18.5 14.6 12.4 10.5 9.8	.036 .102 .185 .314 .465 .602	1052 11482 1797 21148 23914 2620

TABLE NO. 10 CUSTER CHANNEL WING

FIVE-FOOT WIND TUNNEL TEST NO. 545
WRIGHT FIELD MAY 1946

Condition No.	Thrust (Lb)	н.Р.	Thrust H.P.	H.P. Dia.2	RPM
146	4.2	.08	52.5	.008	753
	9.2	.35	26.2	.037	1106
	17.1	1.00	17.1	.106	1512
	23.9	1.74	13.8	.184	1829
	35.1	3.03	11.6	.320	2175
	44.1	4.47	9.9	.472	2117
47	9.0	.l <sub>1</sub> 2	21.4	.044	816
	18.2	1.21	15.0	.128	1171
	28.0	2.29	12.2	.21,2	1432
	42.1	l <sub>4</sub> .l <sub>4</sub> 5	9.5	.469	1777
	54.6	6.82	8.1	.720	2052
þtg	9.5	.41	23.2	.043	937
	18.3	1.15	15.9	.121	1317
	26.9	2.10	12.8	.222	1616
	42.7	4.01	10.7	.423	1953
	51.1	5.82	8.8	.614	2217
49	9.5	.41	23.2	.043	947
	18.3	1.15	15.9	.121	1326
	27.0	2.08	13.0	.220	1607
	41.1	4.01	10.3	.423	1960
	52.7	5.82	9.1	.613	2218
	66.7	8.11	8.2	.856	218
50	9.4	•37	25.4	.039	950
	18.5	1.09	17.0	.115	1313
	26.7	2.02	12.7	.224	1605

TABLE NO. 11

CUSTER CHANNEL WING
FIVE-FOOT WIND TUNNEL TEST NO. 545

WRIGHT FIELD

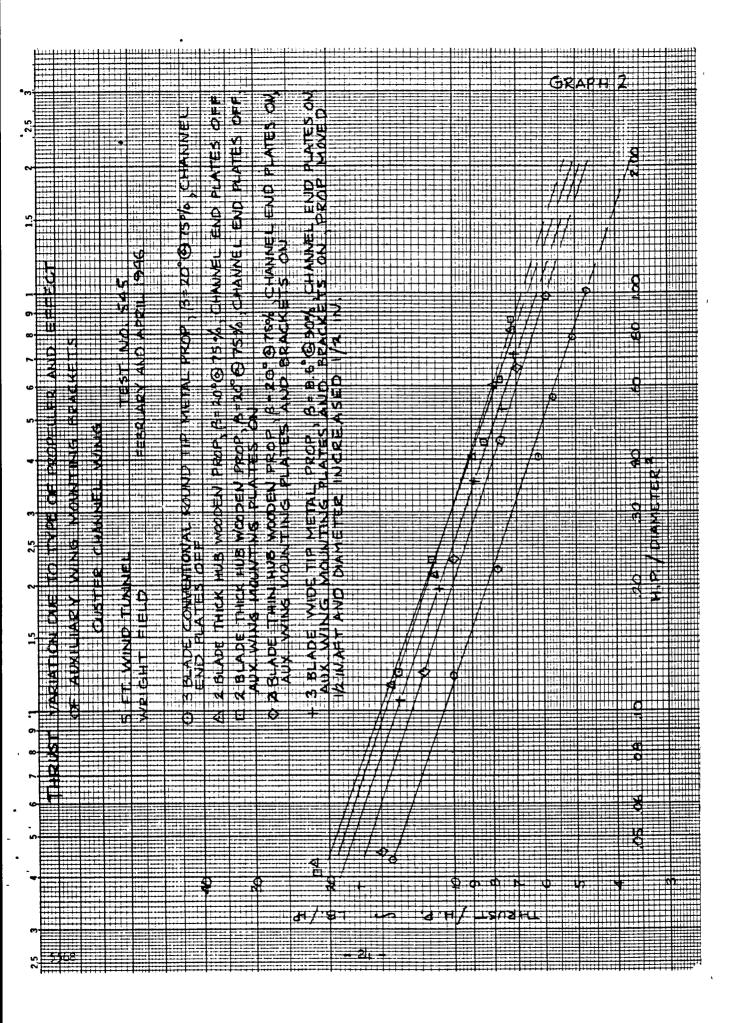
MAY 1946

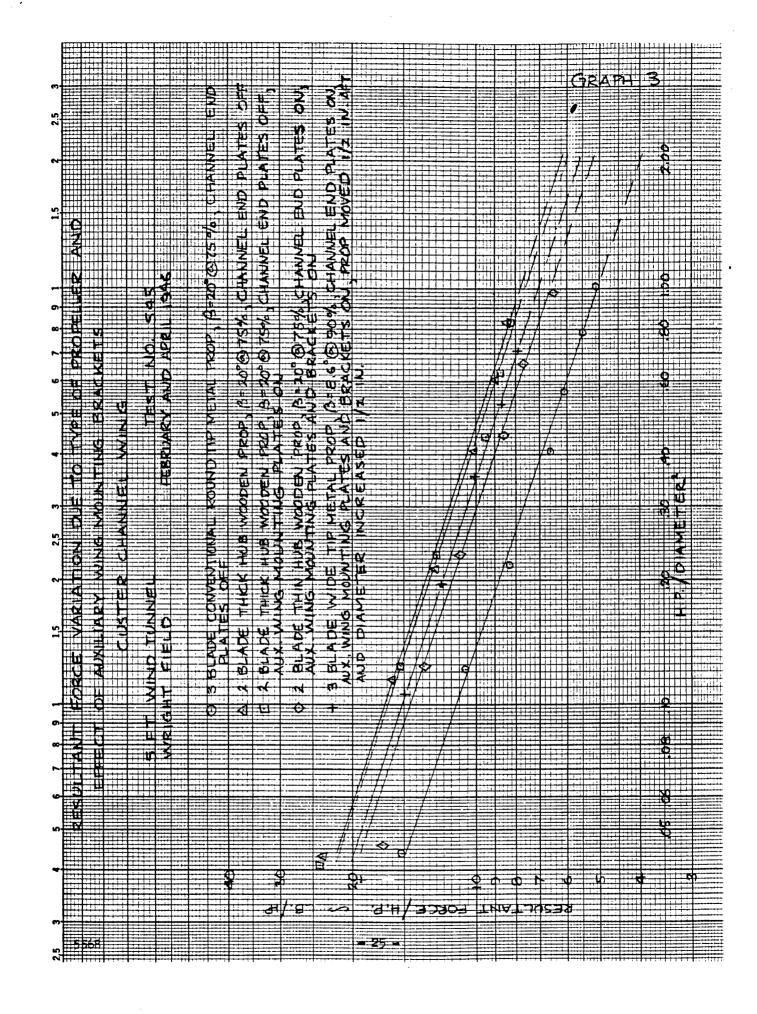
Condition No.	Thrust (Lb)	н.Р.	Thrust H.P.	H.P. Dia.2	RPM
51	9.2	•37	24.9	.039	939
	18.0	1•10	16.4	.116	1330
	26.6	2•01	13.2	.212	1611
	39.6	3•84	10.3	.411	1957
	50.8	5•57	9.1	.588	2214
	63.0	7•69	8.2	.811	2475
52	9.2	•37	24.8	.039	932
	18.4	1•10	16.7	.116	1311
	27.8	2•09	13.3	.220	1604
	42.1	4•14	10.2	.437	1985
	55.6	6•09	9.1	.642	2253
	70.4	8•74	8.1	.922	2547
53	3.7	.08	46.3	.008	739
	8.3	.36	23.0	.038	1075
	16.8	.99	17.0	.104	1181
	24.0	1.76	13.6	.186	1789
	34.6	3.09	11.2	.326	2153
	44.2	4.55	9.7	.480	2391
	52.0	5.90	8.8	.622	2617

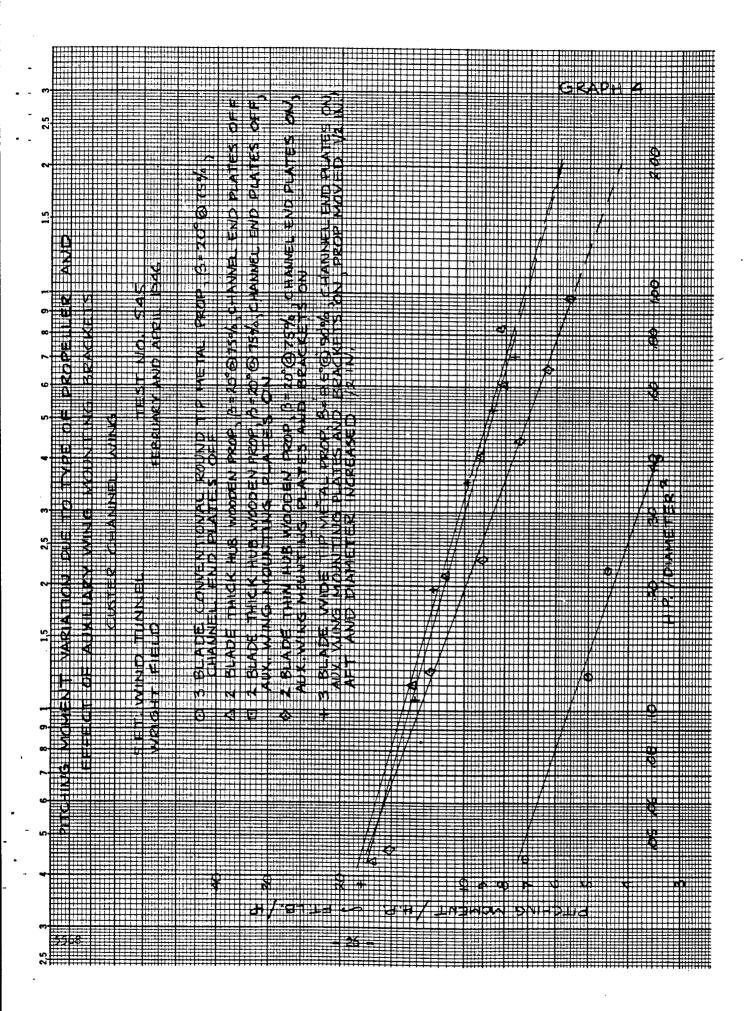
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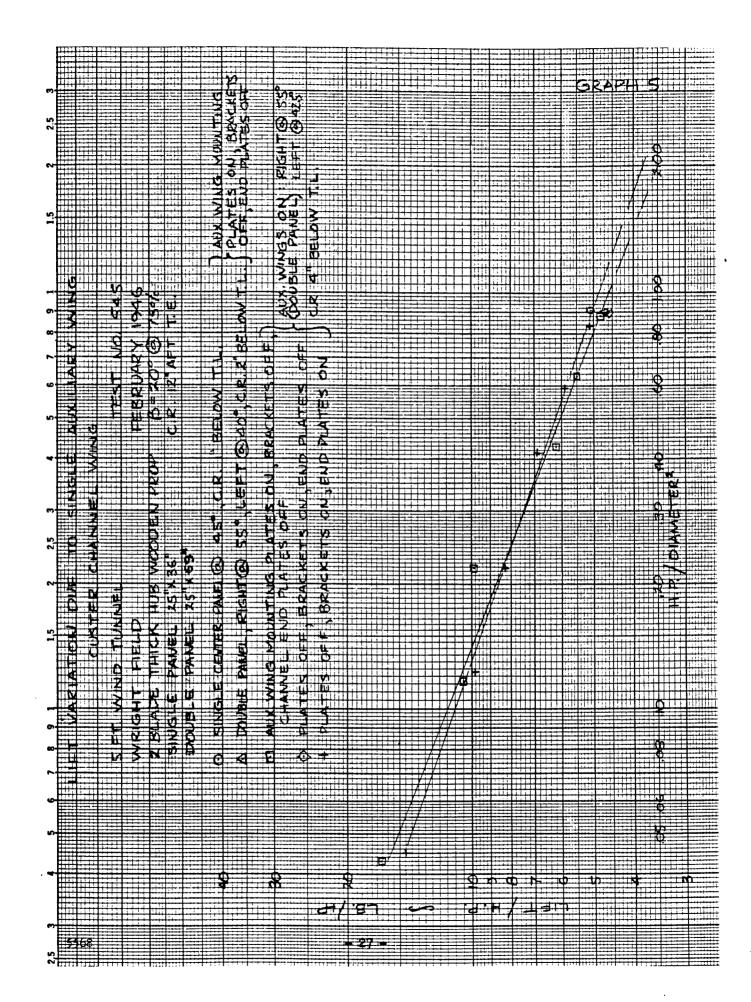
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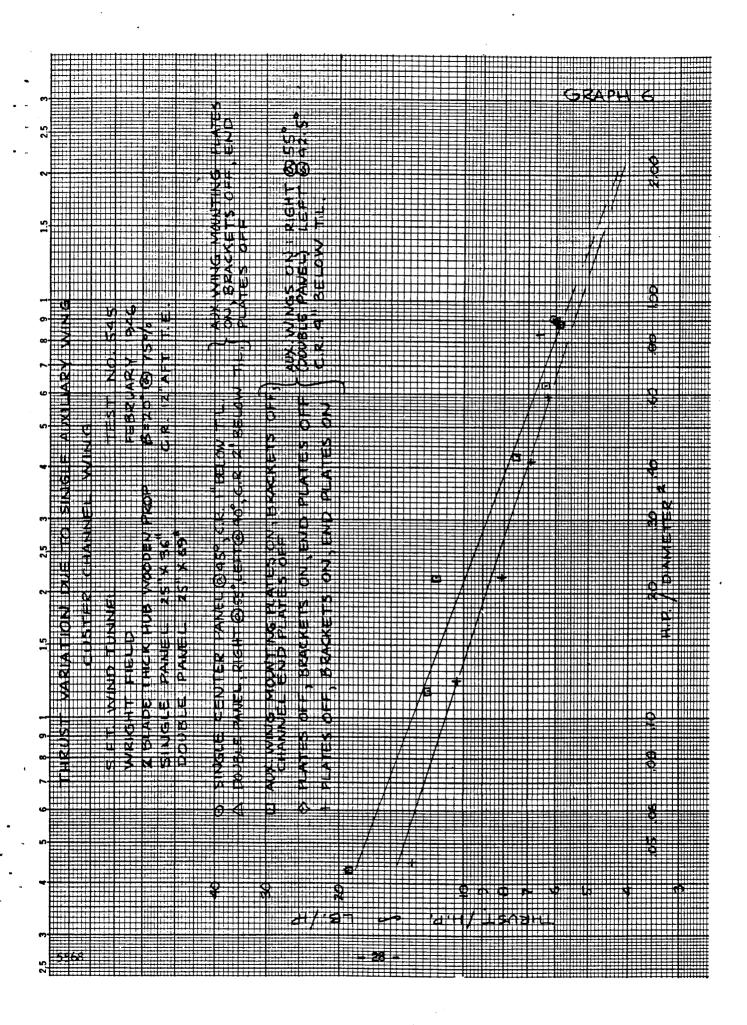
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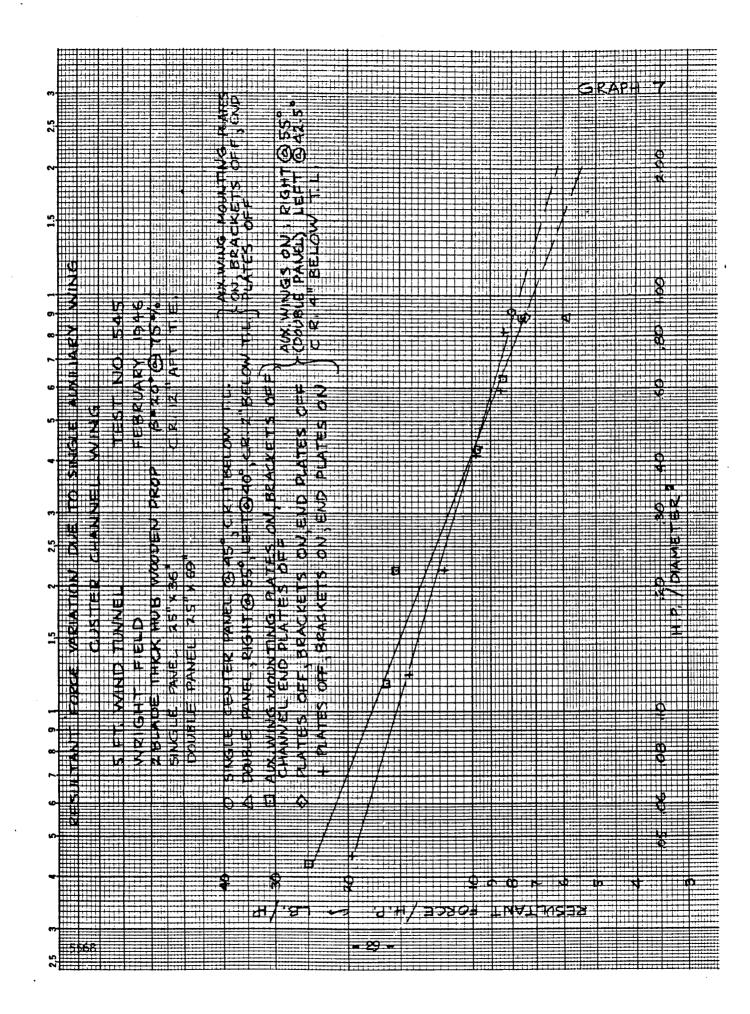


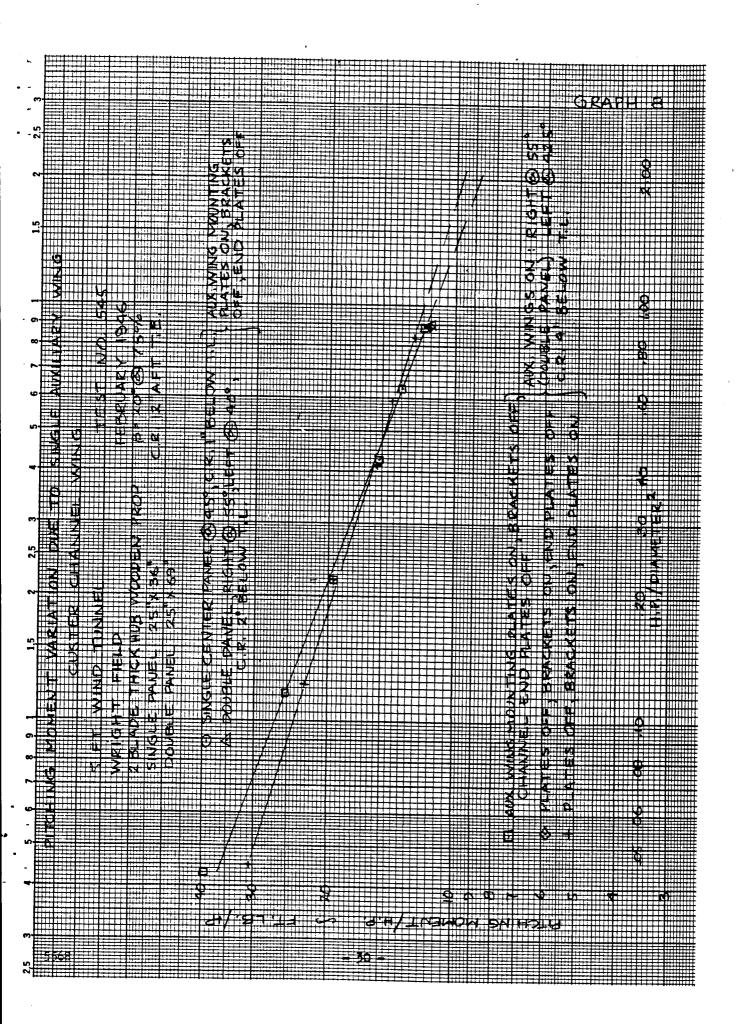


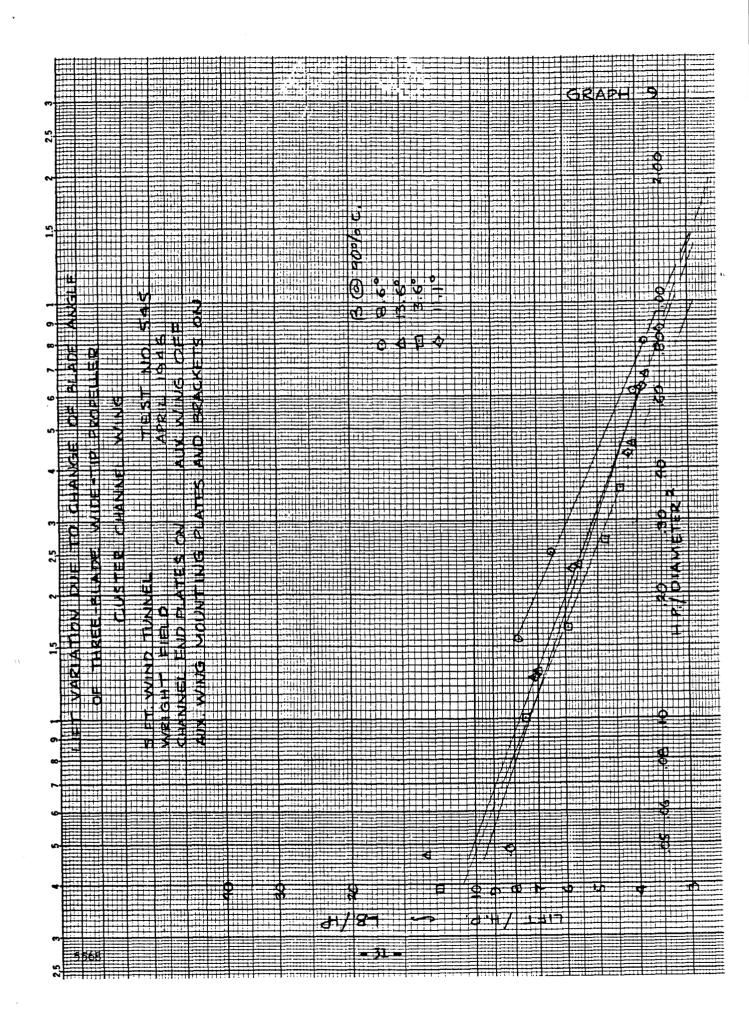


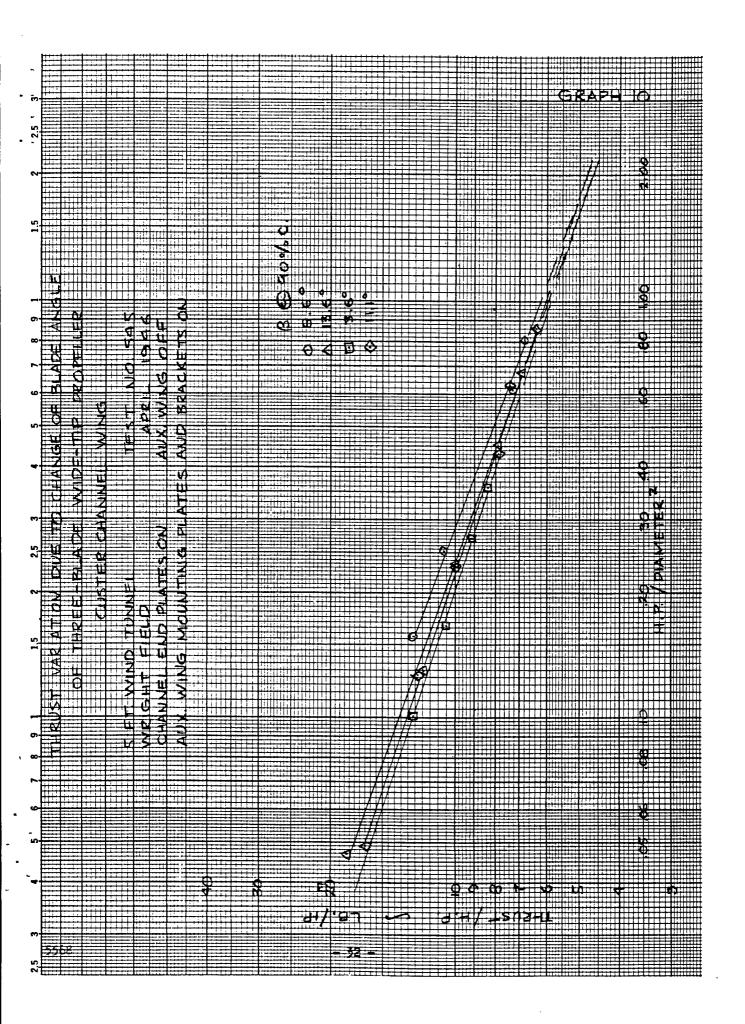


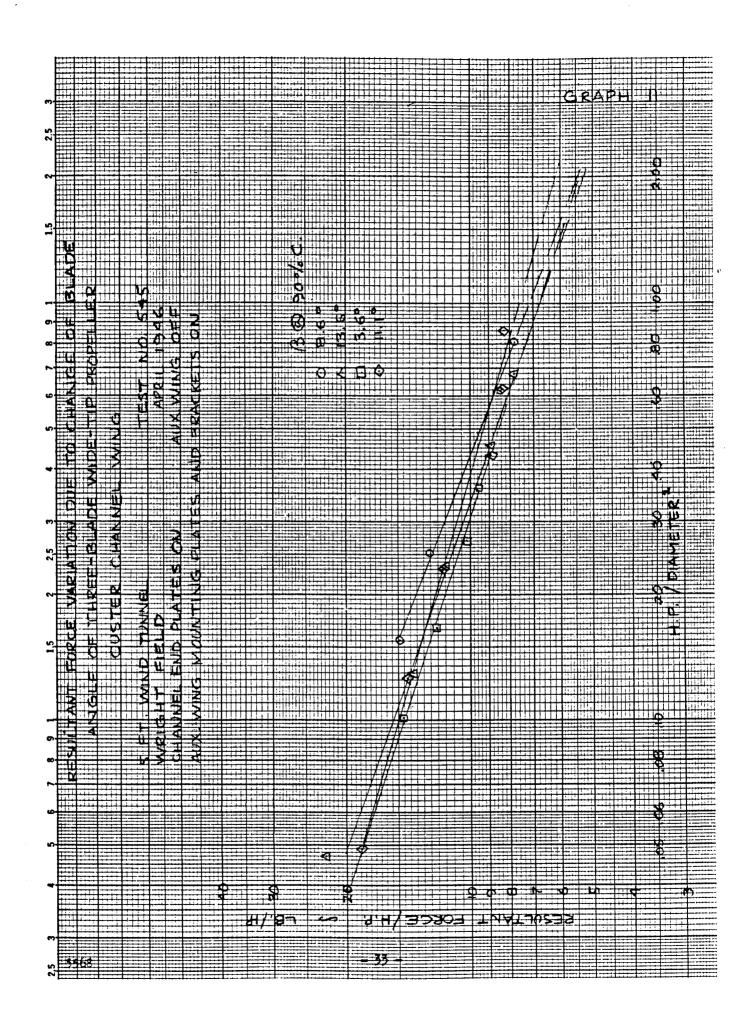


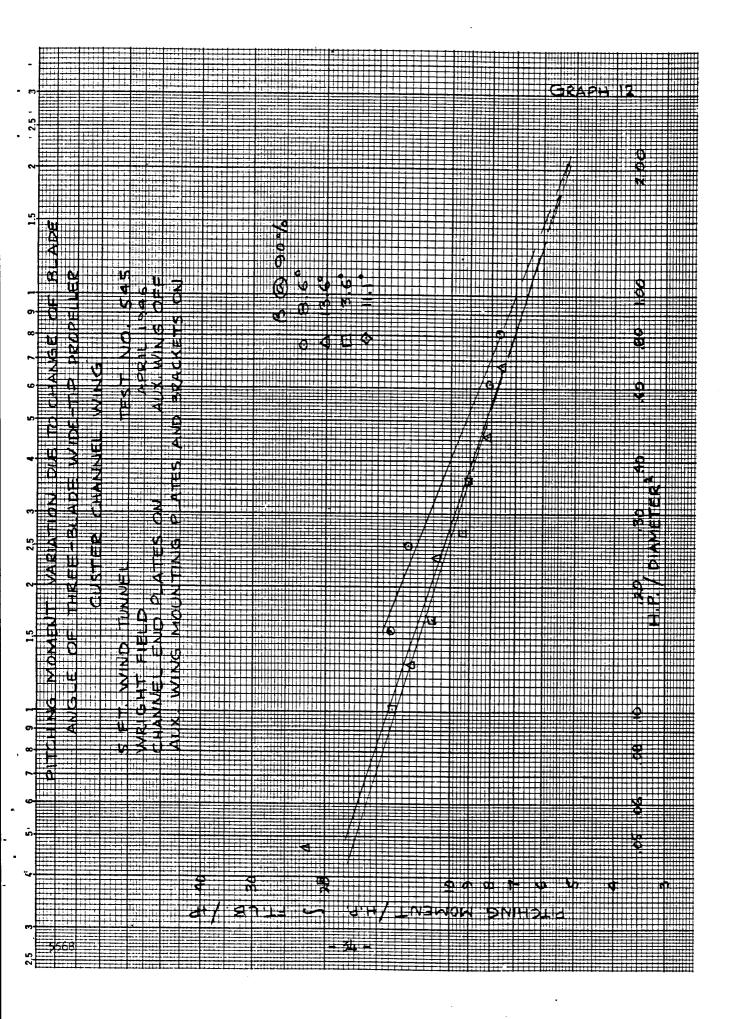




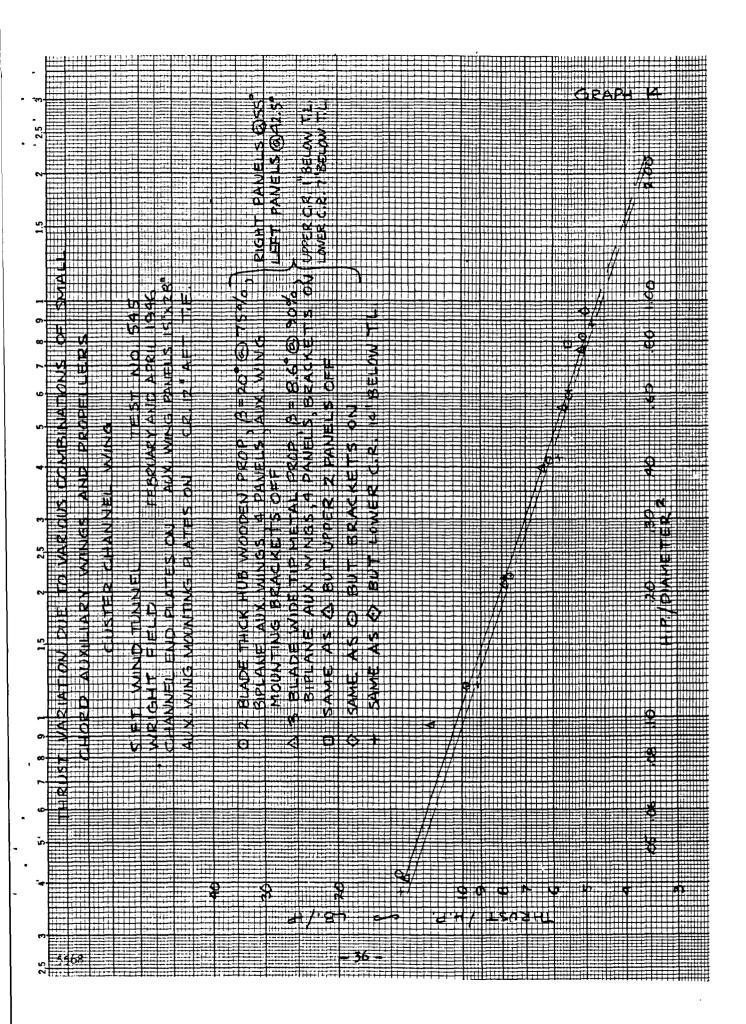


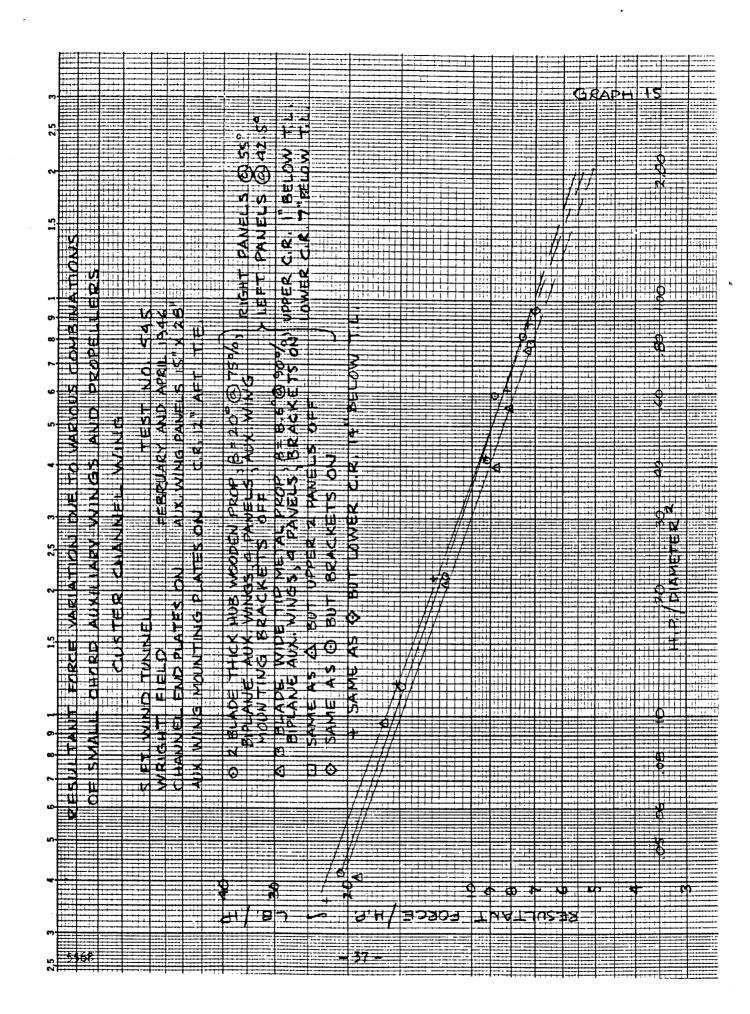


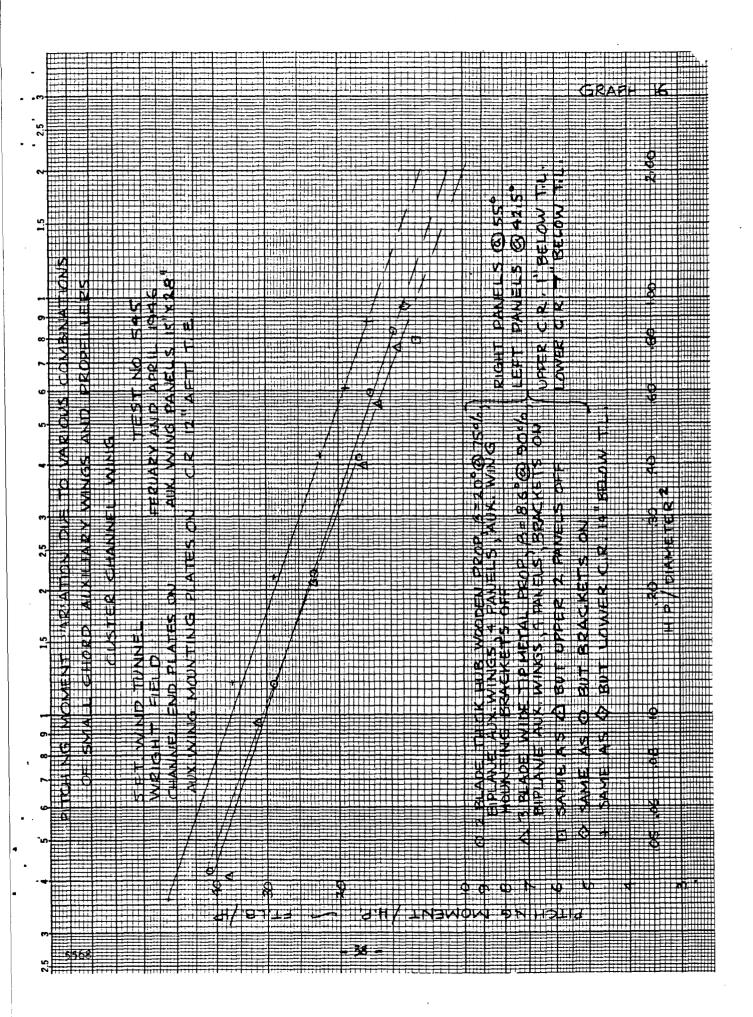




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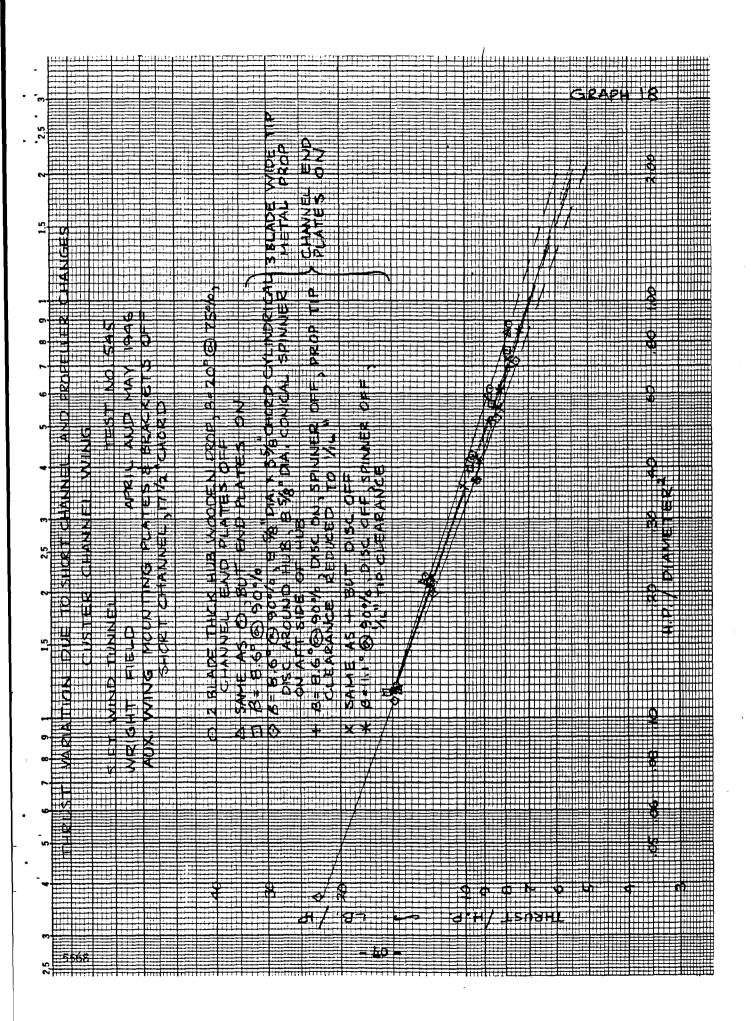


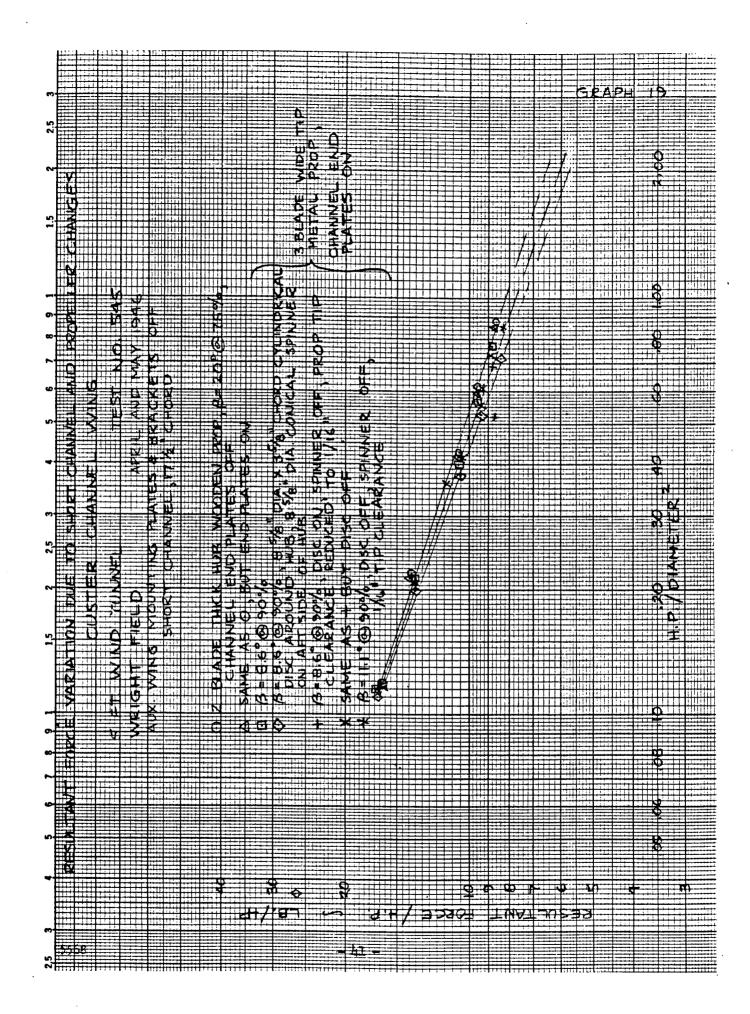


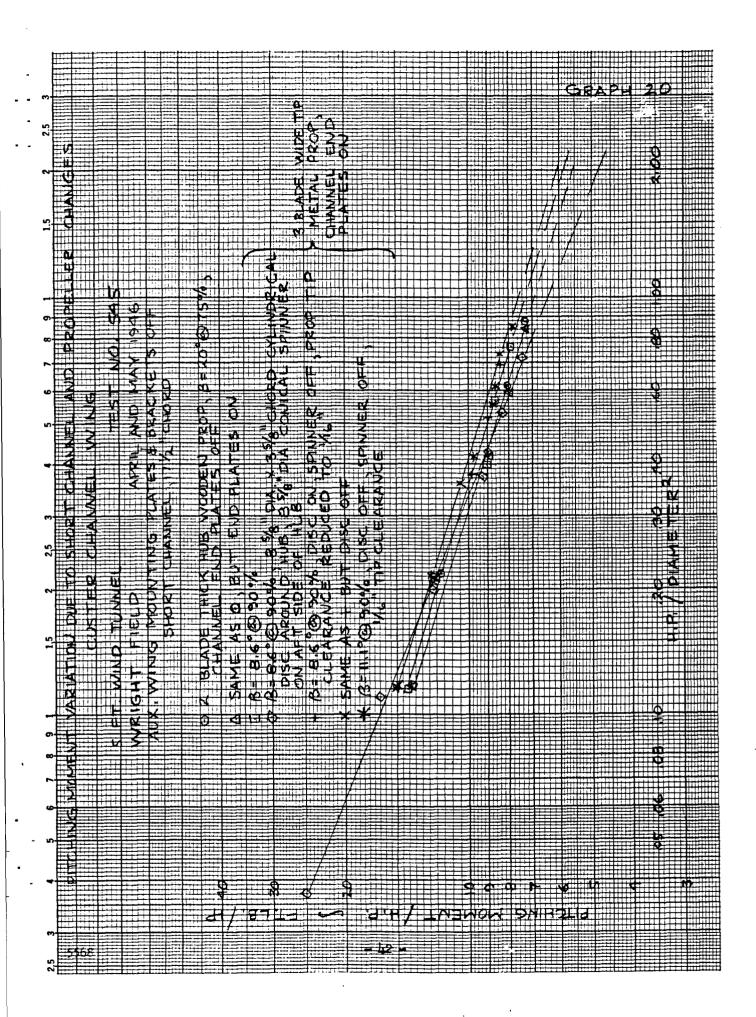


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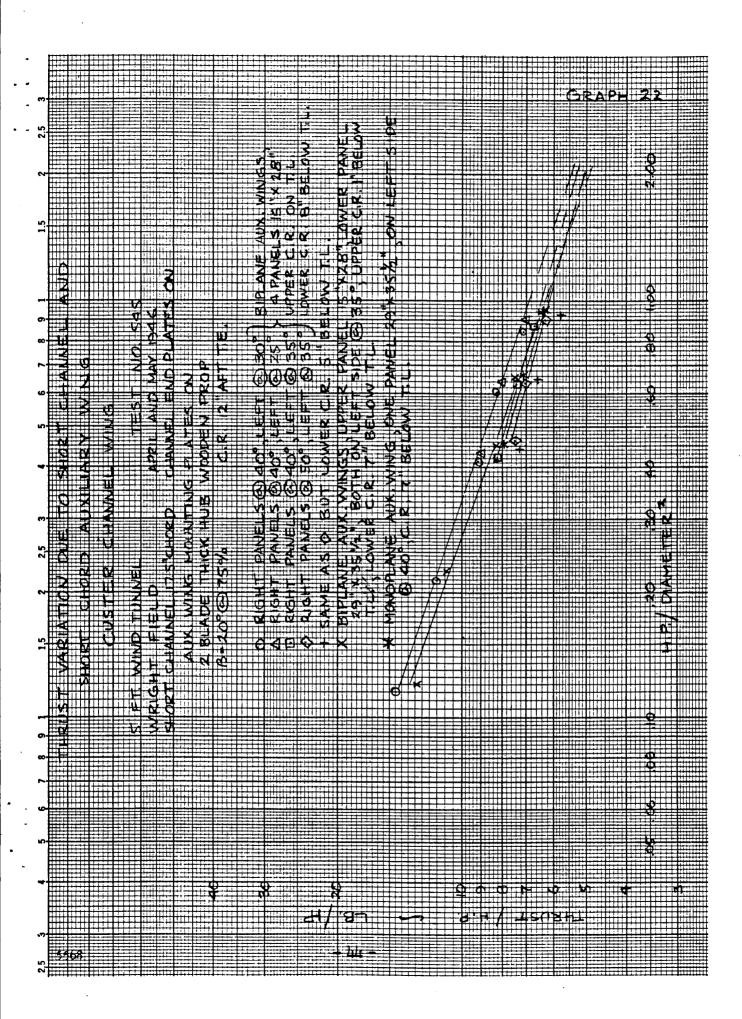
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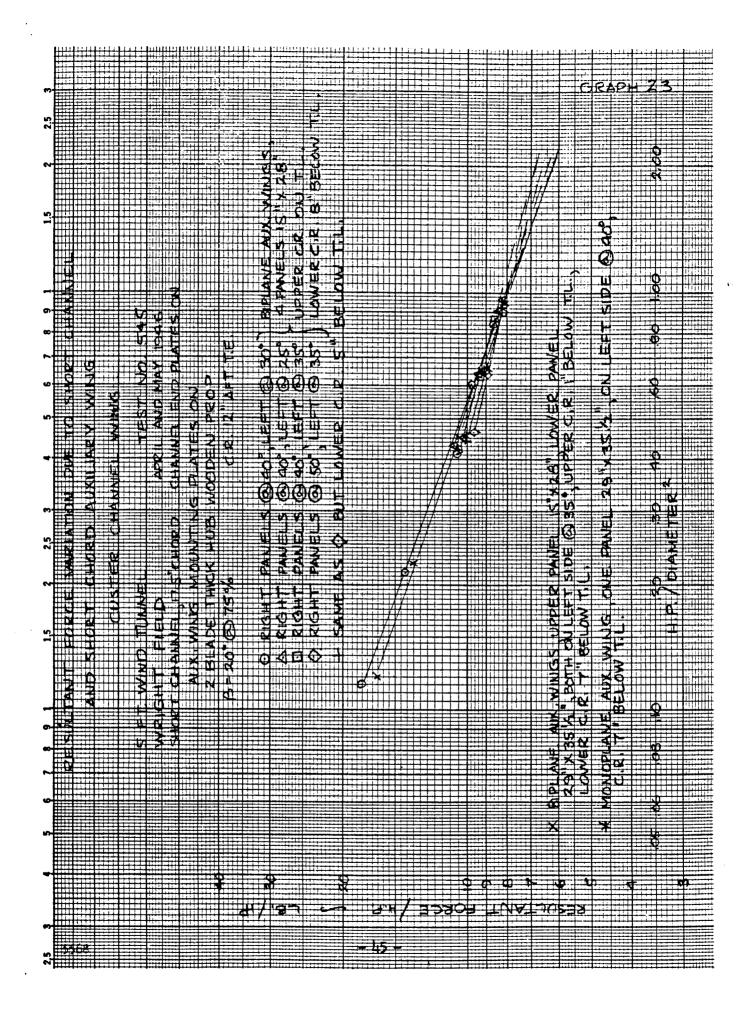


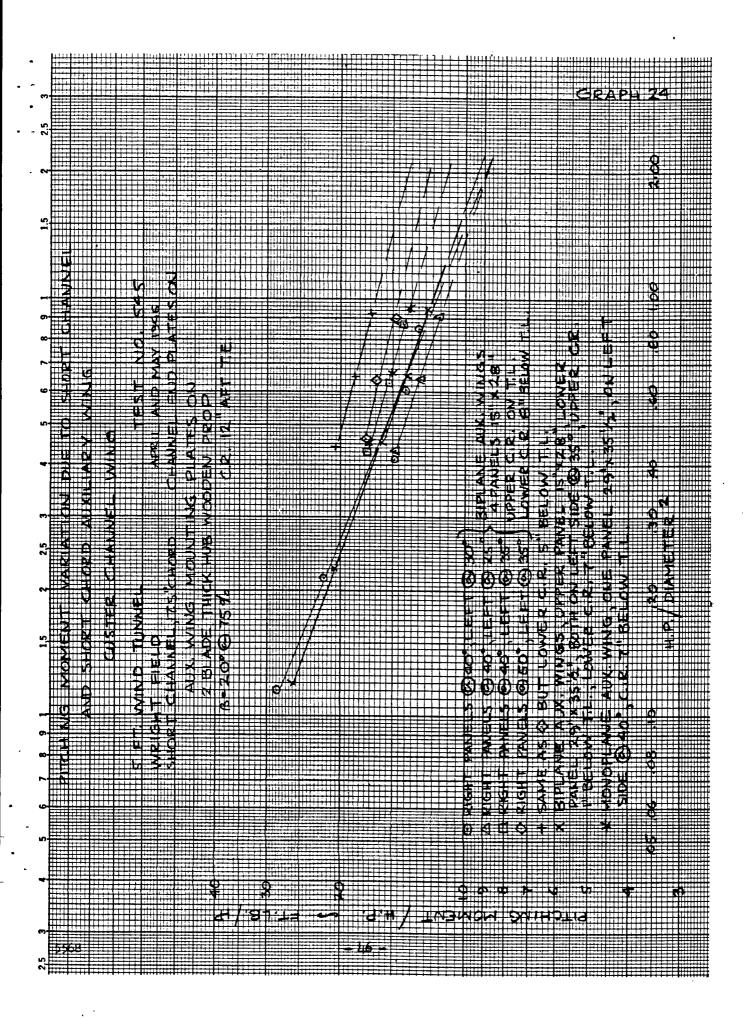


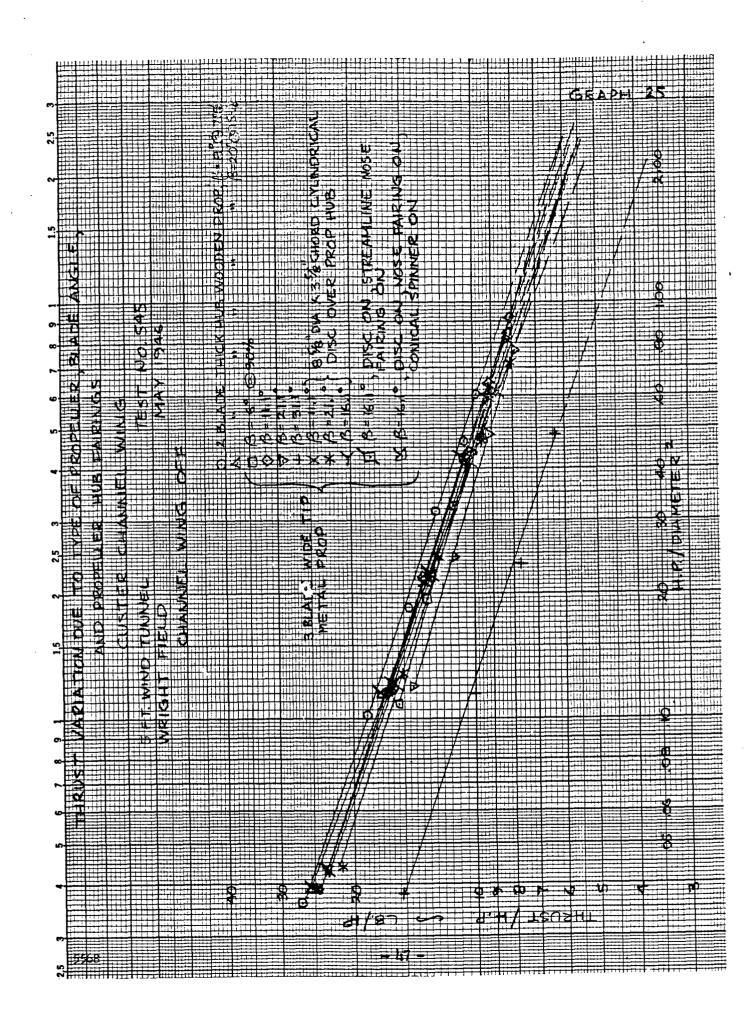


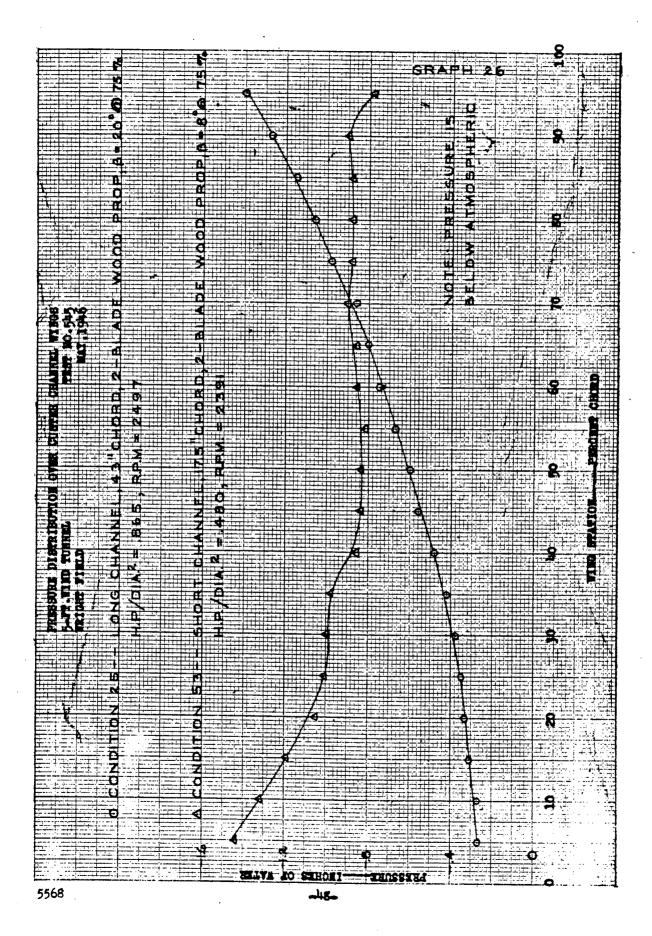
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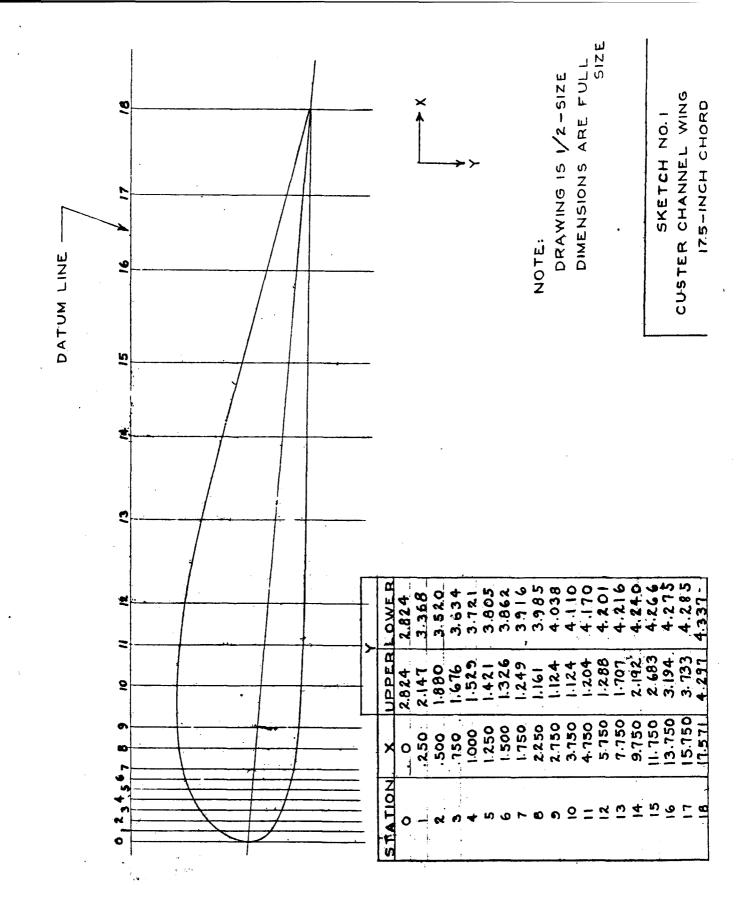












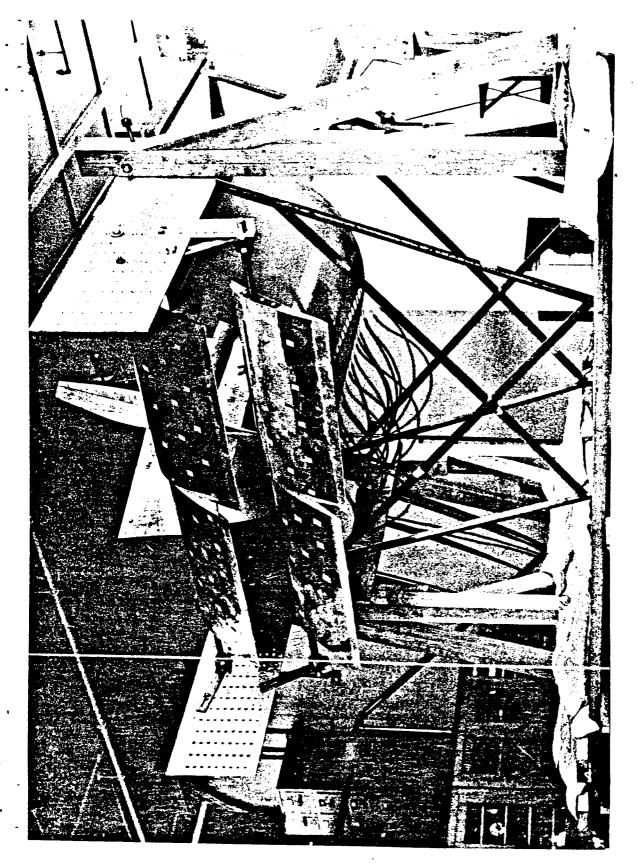


Photo 208370 - Five-Foot Wind Tunnel Model Custer Channel Wing Mounted for Obtaining Static Lift, Thrust, Chordwise Pressure Distribution, and Power, Wing Condition No. 25, 43 Inch Chord Channel, R. H. Lower 3/4 Rear Close-Up

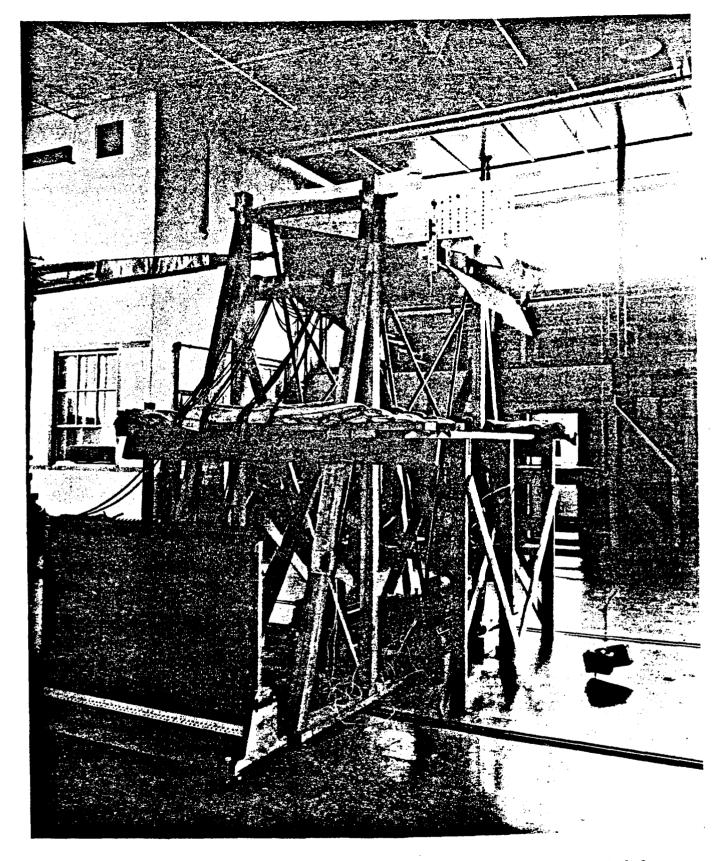


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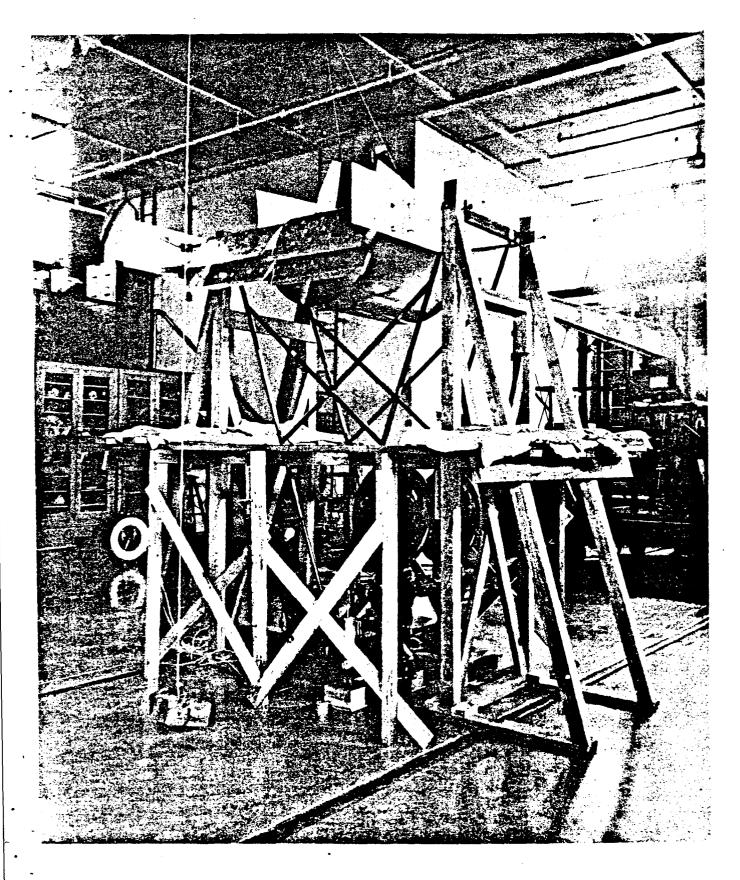


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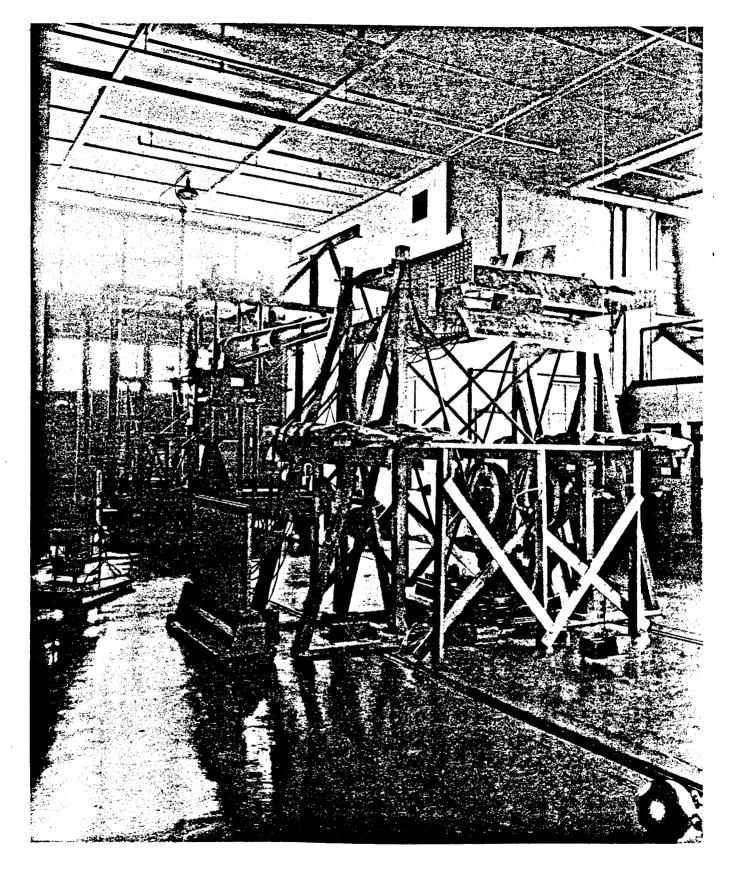


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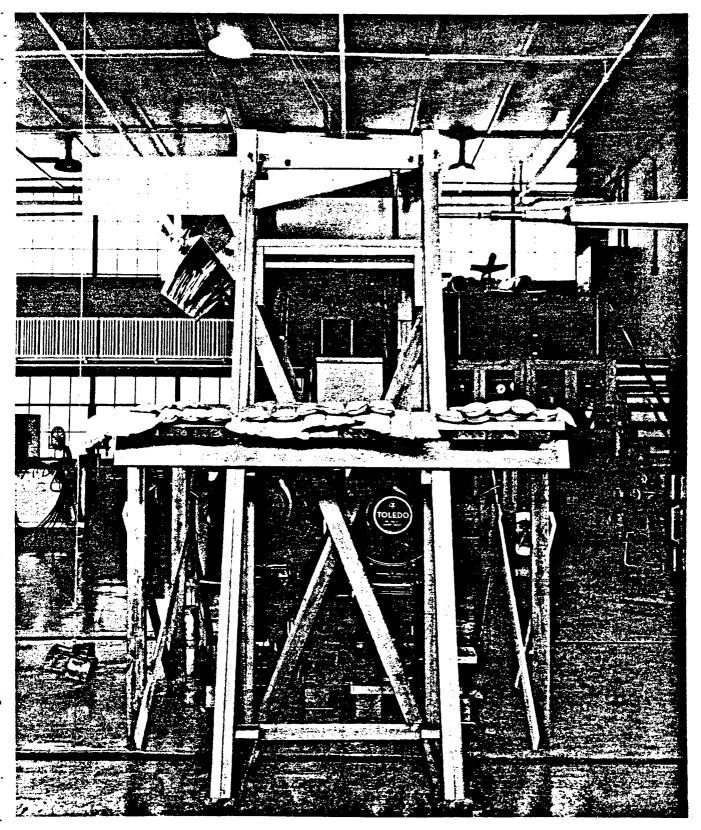


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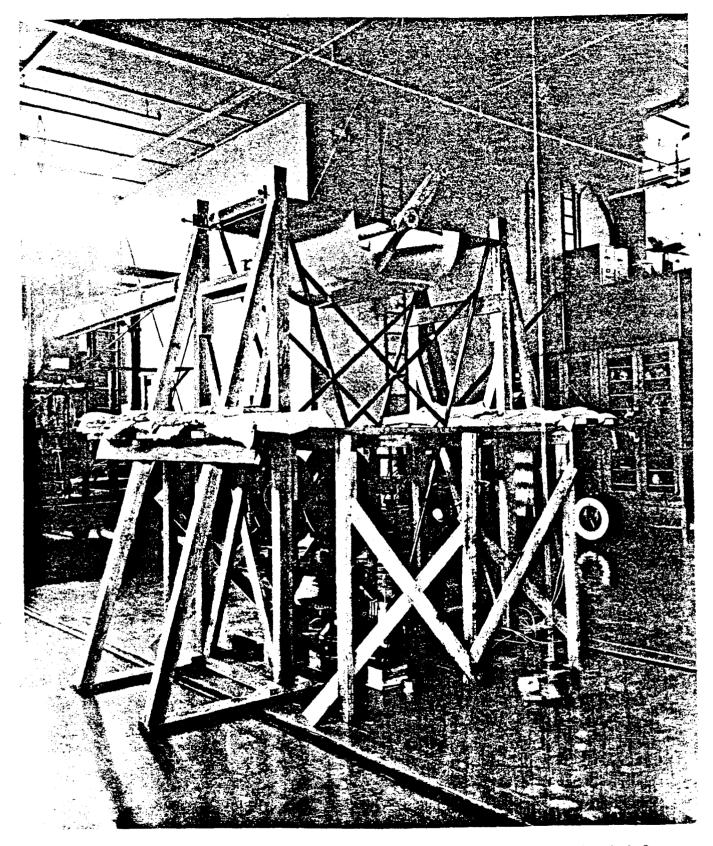


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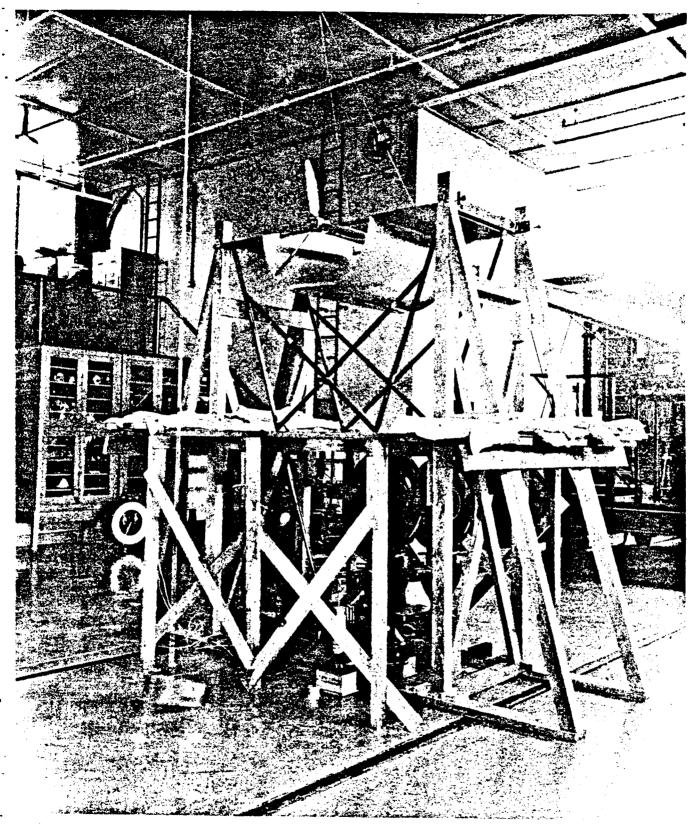


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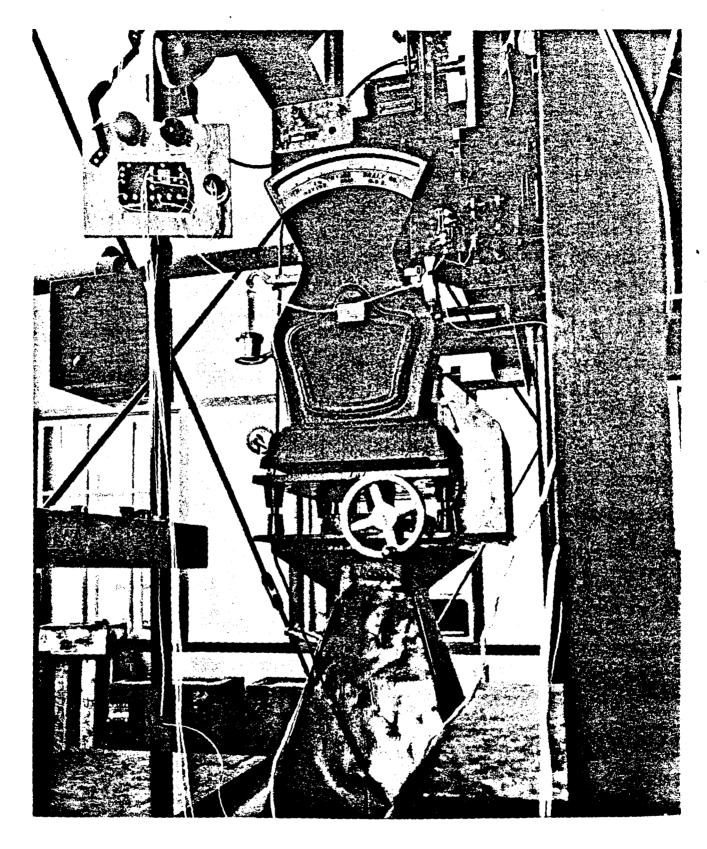


Photo 208377 - Scale Arrangement for Obtaining Thrust, During Static Lift, Thrust and Power Tests on 43 Inch Chord Custer Channel Wing

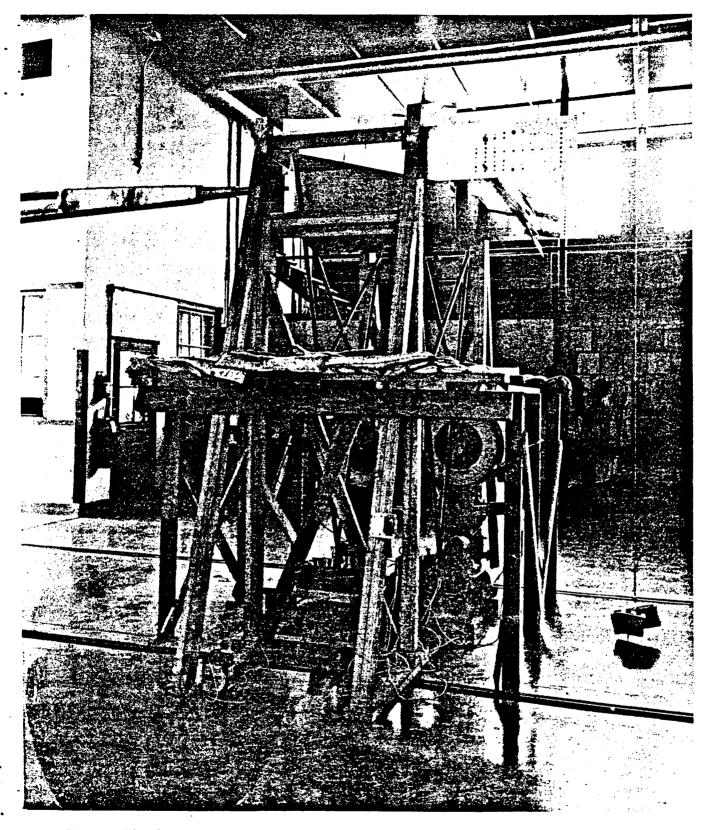


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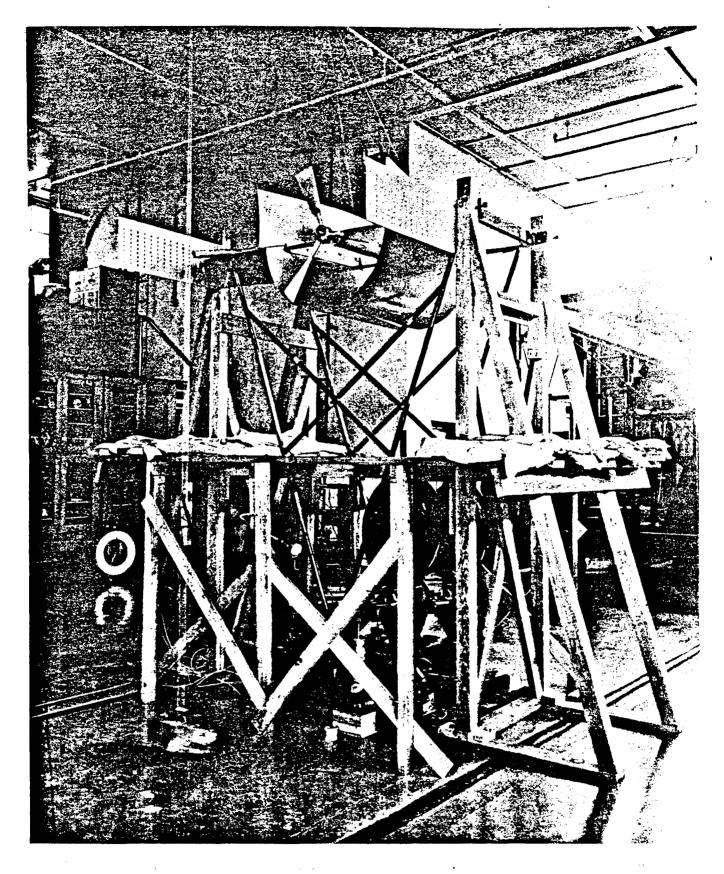


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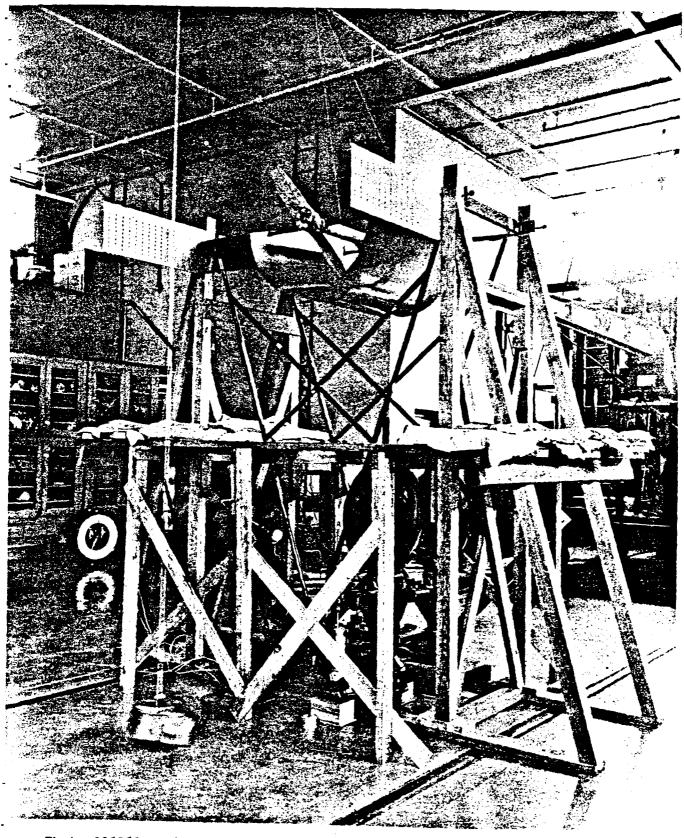


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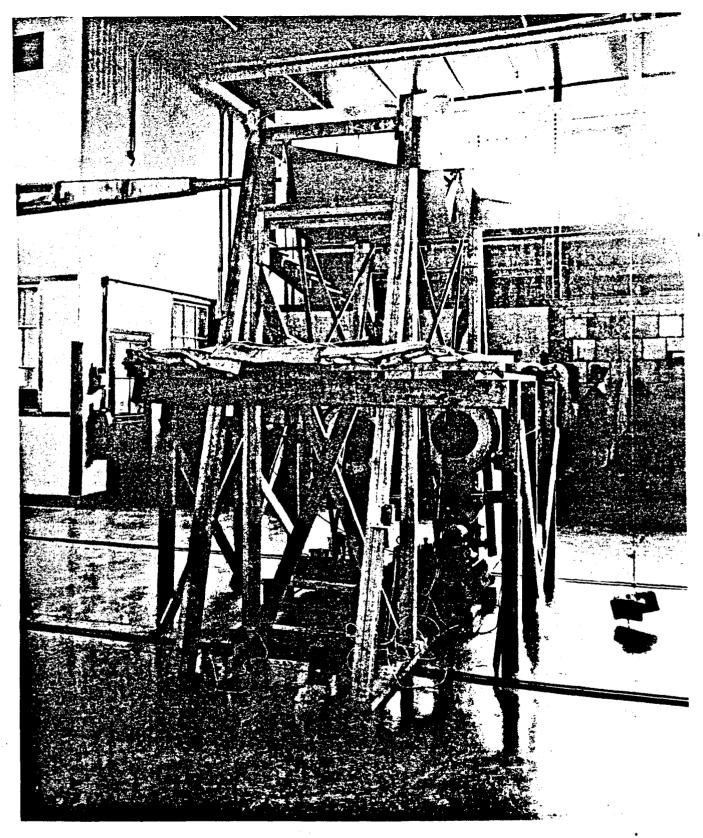


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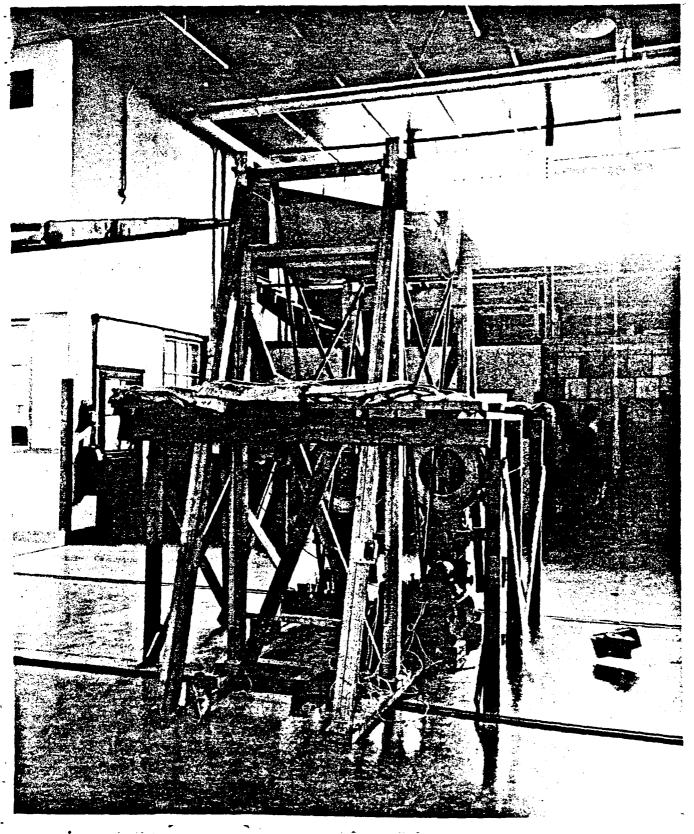


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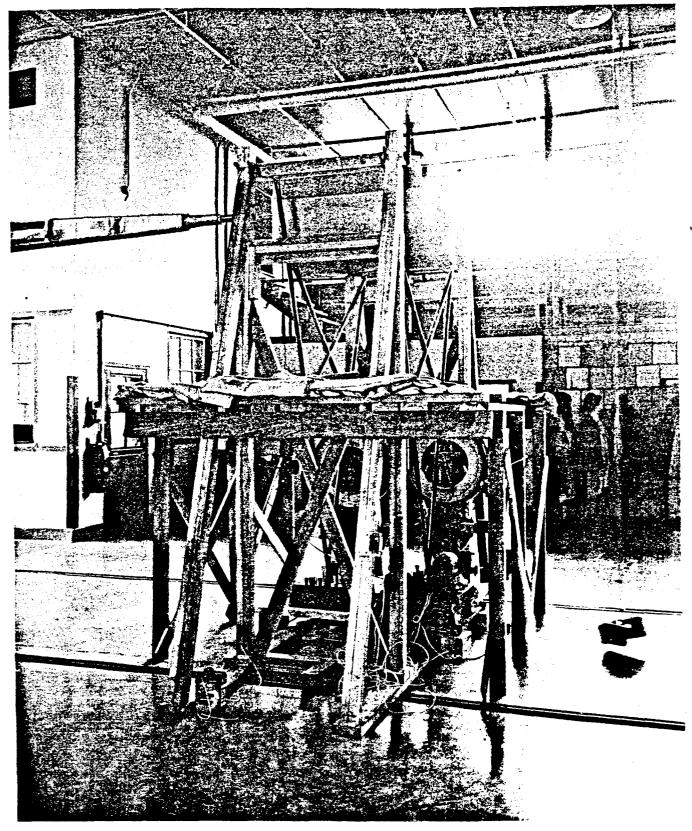


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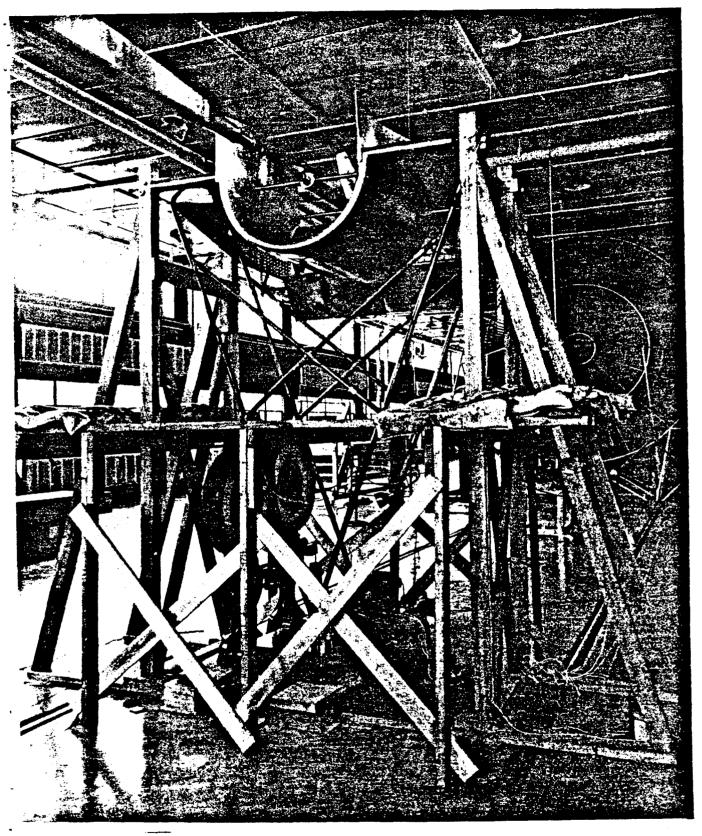


Photo 208384 - Five-Foot Wind Tunnel Model Custer Channel Wing Mounted for Obtaining Static Lift, Thrust and Power, Wing Condition No. 24, 43 Inch Chord Channel, L. H. 3/4 Front View

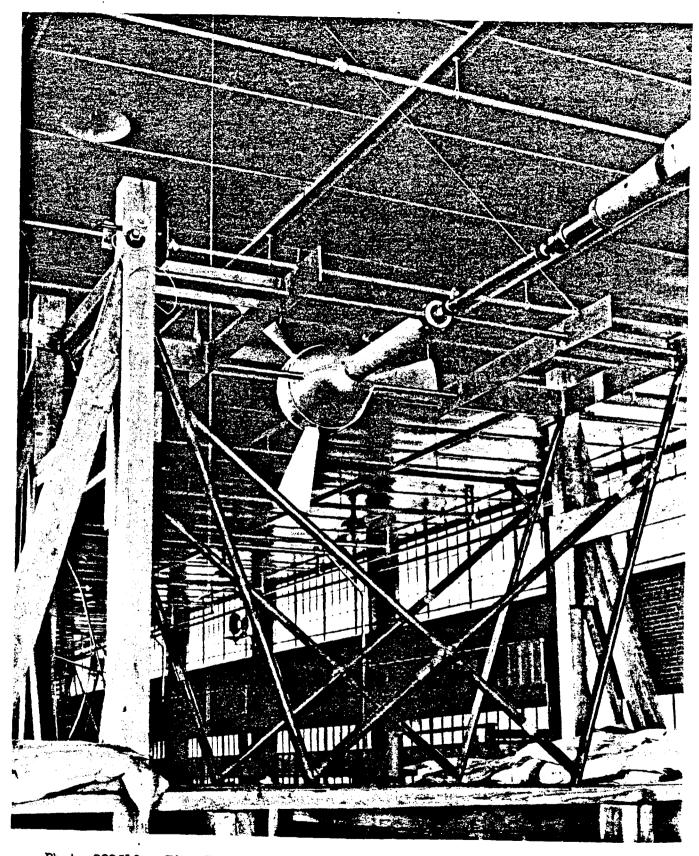


Photo 209513 - Five-Foot Wind Tunnel Set-Up for Obtaining Static Lift, Thrust and Power During Tests of Custer Channel Wing, Wing Condition No. 50, 3/4 Front View

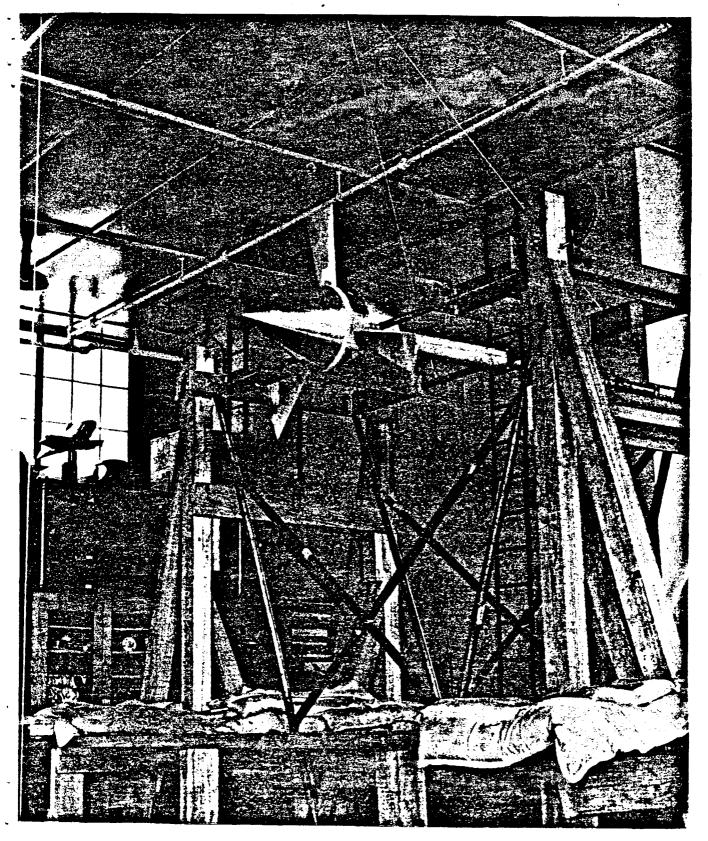


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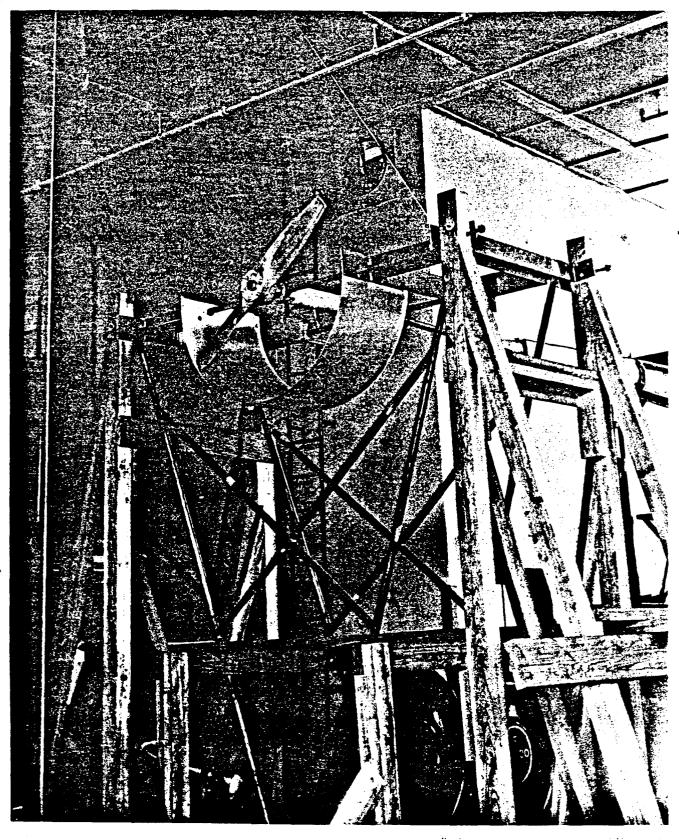


Photo 211042 - Five-Foot Wind Tunnel Model Custer Channel Wing Mounted for Obtaining Static Lift, Thrust and Power, Wing Condition No. 53, 17.5 Inch Chord Channel, 3/4 Rear View

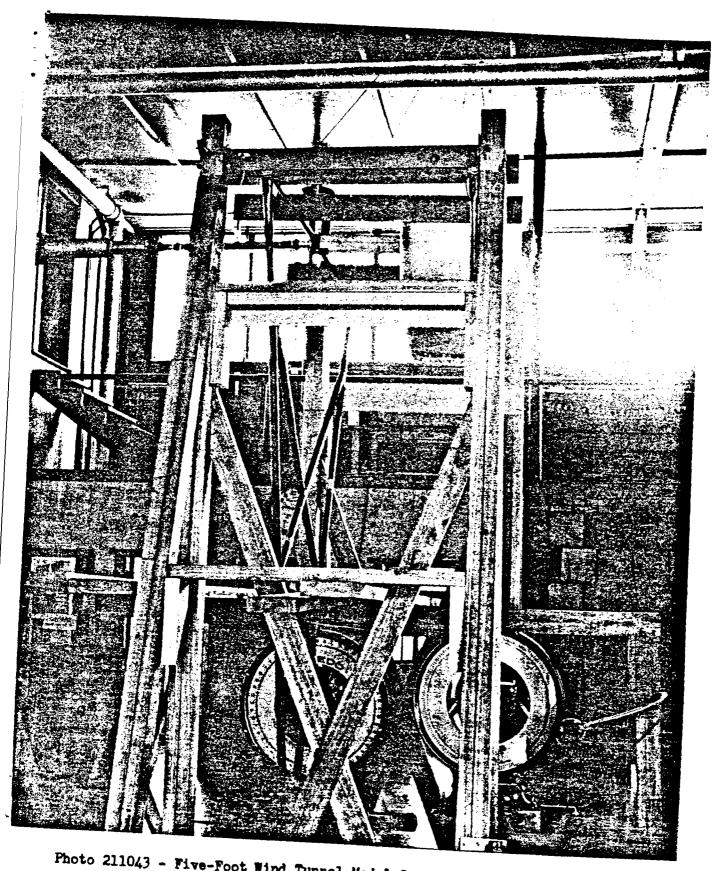


Photo 211043 - Five-Foot Wind Tunnel Model Custer Channel Wing Mounted for Obtaining Static Lift, Thrust and Power, Wing Condition No. 53, 17.5 Inch Chord Channel, Side View

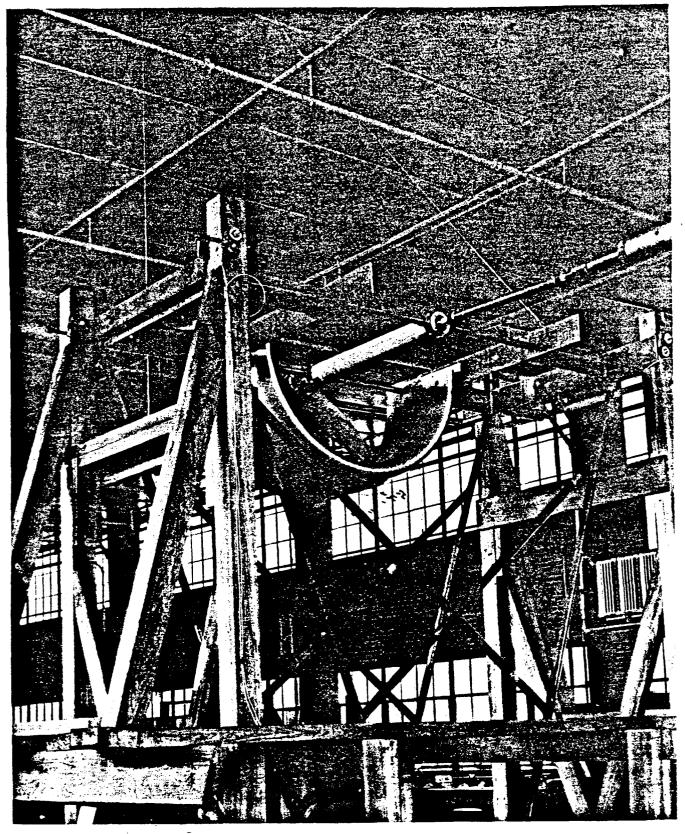


Photo 211044 - Five-Foot Wind Tunnel Model Custer Channel Wing Mounted for Obtaining Static Lift, Thrust and Power, Wing Condition No. 53, 17.5 Inch Chord Channel, 3/4 Front View

## STANDARD SYMBOLS, DEFINITIONS, AND AIRPLANE AXES

## Forces and Moments (Continued from inside of front cover)

$C_L = L/qS$	lift coefficient lift		C. = N/qbS	yawing-moment coefficient
$C_D = D/qS$	drag coefficient		$C_1 = L/qbS$	yawing moment rolling-moment
Section c	oefficients are lower	case:	L.	coefficient rolling moment
経 <b>行な</b> (数) Electronic	c <sub>s</sub> , drag; etc. lateral force		$C_b = H/qSc$ where	coefficient
Y	coefficient lateral force		H	hinge moment area of hinged surface
	s pitching-momen coefficient		Ē	back of hinge line root-mean-square chord
1	pitching momen			back of hinge line

## General Aerodynamic Symbols

compressibility factor (1+4 M°+

M. A. C. mean aerodynamic chord

e. g. center of gravity.

		p static pressure
Ð	span	p. pressure in free stream
	ehord	H total pressure (tunnel)
		pr total pressure (flight)
	aspect ratio (b*/\$)	P pressure coefficient ( ) - P.
₩.	weight	P pressure coefficient $\frac{y-y_0}{36. v_0}$
•	mass (W/g)	T absolute temperature
	acceleration of gravity moment of inertia (mk*). Indicate	
	radius of gyration k by proper sub-	Propeller Symbols
4	script, kz, kz, ke	
	angle of attack of reference line in plane	D propeller diameter
	of symmetry	g propeller radius
	angle of control surface relative to neutral position.	p propeller pitch p/D pitch ratio
	Add subscript for surface, L	p/D pitch ratio  revolutions per second
4.0	alleron; &, rudder, etc.	dvance-diameter ratio (V/nD)
L	angle between wing reference line and	propeller blade angle at designated radius
<b>132</b> 000	reference line in plane of symmetry (usually the thrust line)	effective helix angle (tan- V/2-rn)
1, "	angle of stabilizer relative to reference	efficiency
	line in plane of symmetry (usually the	C. = P/sh'D' power coefficient
	thrust line)	
7	airspeed	Co = Q/m'D' torque coefficient
¥	relocity of sound Mach number (V/s)	A lorque
	linear dimension	Speed-power coefficient
	coefficient of viscosity	
	density (mass per unit volume). Density	T propeller thrust, crankshaft tension
	of dry air at 15°C and 29.92 in. Hg is	AD drag increase due to propeller slipstream
1	0.002878 lbft. "sec."	T. effective propeller thrust $(T - \Delta D)$
	kinematic viscosity (µ/a), For stand-	C+=T/an'D' thrust coefficient
	ard air, 1.564x10 <sup>-1</sup> ft. <sup>2</sup> /sec. Reynolds number (Vl/v)	$T_{\bullet} = T/{}_{\bullet}V^{2}D^{2}$ thrust disk-loading coefficient $T_{\bullet}' = T_{\bullet}/qS$ effective thrust coefficient based on
20 A	dynamic pressure (% AV)	wing area
	impact pressure (%, V°F.)	$Q = Q/V^2D^2$ torque coefficient

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